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THE ABALONE MOTHER LODE OF POINT LOBOS

By SANDY LYDON

IN 1897 two men came to Point Lobos from the opposite sides of the earth, each looking for his own version of the American Dream. This weekend their descendants will gather at Whalers Cove to commemorate the remarkable partnership forged by Gennosuke Kodani and Alexander MacMillan Allan and celebrate the shellfish that bound them together — the abalone.

When A.M. Allan first came to Point Lobos he probably didn't even know what an abalone was. An engineer and coal miner from Pennsylvania, Allan was interested in an old coal mine in the canyon behind Point Lobos. The mine proved to be unworkable, but he was so taken with the beauty of the countryside and its echoes

of his ancestral Scotland that he purchased Point Lobos and 640 surrounding acres in 1898. Later that year he moved his wife and three daughters there and he called Point Lobos home until his death in 1930.

Gennosuke Kodani knew very well what an abalone was. He grew up in a small town on the coast of Japan where the tough mollusk was prized for its meat and shell. In the mid-1890s the abalone diving industry there was beset by a series of calamities, forcing the divers to seek



In 1905, Whalers Cove at Point Lobos was crowded with Japanese abalone divers and their helpers. Air was driven down to the helmeted divers by hand-powered pumps.

employment outside Japan. Meanwhile, early Japanese immigrants to California wrote letters back to Japan describing the abalone growing along the Monterey Peninsula shoreline, and Kodani came to Point Lobos to see for himself. Amazed by the huge abalone carpeting the ocean floor, Kodani quickly sent back to Japan for a crew of divers to come and work the Abalone Mother Lode that

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For man pushing 200K miles, Big Sur is a run in the park

By MARY BROWNFIELD

PACIFIC GROVE resident Keith McMurtry distinctly remembers the last day he missed a run: Nov. 14, 1979, when as a teenager he was hospitalized with spinal meningitis. He's competed in so many marathons in the past 30 years he's lost count, but this Sunday he will participate in one of his favorites: the Big Sur International Marathon.

"I run up and down Highway 1 a lot, and I think it's the greatest scenic course around," he said. Ranked among the most difficult in the nation, Big Sur boasts stunning views, mountainous terrain and occasionally brutal headwinds. The Big Sur marathon is not one in which runners aim to set personal records.

"I'm not worried about how fast I'm going to run," McMurtry said. "I don't worry about racing anymore. I just like to run."

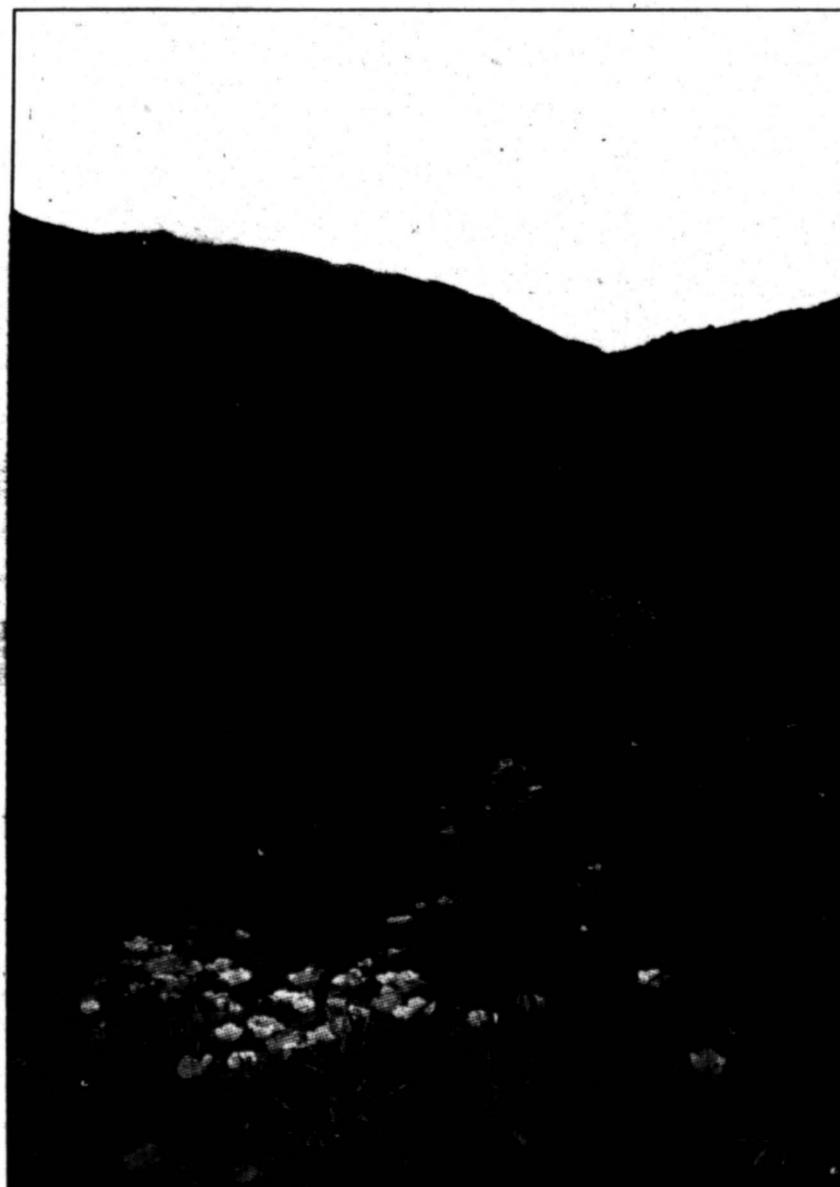
That's putting it mildly. Born in rural Minnesota and the youngest of 11 children, McMurtry, 44, remembers watching televised coverage of Frank Shorter as he ran the marathon at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Germany.

"It just mesmerized me," he said. "I started running right after that. I'm a small guy and not very athletic, and it seemed like something I could do."

He discovered he didn't have to work hard to do it well, and by seventh grade was winning local races. In high school, he and his coach decided to train for

Highway 1 will be closed south of Carmel from 4 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday

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Poppies decorate a hillside on Brazil Ranch — one of the vistas now open to hikers on the 1,255-acre property.

Incorporation vote likely in November

■ Commission decides to make C.V. issue its 'top priority'

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE LONG, slow drive to turn Carmel Valley into a city — bogged down by revenue neutrality negotiations for nearly 18 months — picked up a whole lot of steam this week and now seems likely to be headed for the fall ballot.

Unexpectedly aided by their opponents, supporters of incorporation convinced the Local Agency Formation Commission Monday to accelerate its analysis of the pros and cons of the issue in an effort to get it before voters in November.

Proponents Max Chaplin and Glenn Robinson were planning to push for a November election when they traveled to Salinas for the LAFCO Hearing. But what they didn't count on was an assist from Carmel Valley attorney Frank Lunding.

Lunding argued three-year-old financial data used to assess the feasibility of incorporation is now outdated and, as a result, unreliable.

"It doesn't seem proper to move ahead without proper consideration of the numbers," Lunding cautioned.

Commissioner Vince DiMaggio, though, disagreed with Lunding's assessment. The sooner an election, DiMaggio reasoned, the more relevant the data will be.

"The longer the fiscal analysis stays out there, the more it's susceptible to being stale," DiMaggio said.

LAFCO chairman Lou Calcagno sided with DiMaggio.

"We want this to move forward as fast as possible," Calcagno said. "I don't want this to stay with us forever."

The commission unanimously voted to fast-track the incorporation process, making a November election likely. In doing so, commissioners went against the recommendation of LAFCO executive officer Kate McKenna, who pushed for

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Brazil Ranch opens to hikers

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHAT IS probably the most expensive piece of wildland ever purchased by the U.S. government opens to hikers this Saturday.

Brazil Ranch — bought for \$23 million in 2002 from a Las Vegas real estate speculator who planned to divide it into ranchettes for Silicon Valley millionaires — will offer weekly guided hikes of its property beginning April 29.

The opening adds eight miles to 237 miles of hiking trails already available in the Santa Lucia mountains of Big Sur.

Since the U.S. Forest Service acquired the 1,255-acre ranch, it has been a lightning rod for controversy. Plans to host weddings and other commercial activities have been abandoned, but the California Coastal Commission urged the federal agency to open the ranch to hikers as soon as possible because public funds were used to purchase it.

Eventually, self-guided hikes will be allowed, but the forest service is still devel-

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HRB: Mom may not have been that important, but her house is

By MARY BROWNFIELD

OWNERS OF three Carmel properties lost their bids to remove buildings from the city's inventory of historic resources last week. But the Carmel Historic Resources Board granted two appeals and told one appellant to return to fight another day. After the city declared 300 properties historic — a designation to be attached to their deeds — almost one-third of their owners filed appeals. The HRB decides whether the buildings must stay on the list or be removed.

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Does Ranch style matter?

Associate planner Sean Conroy recommended delisting Patrick Paw and Caroline Wong's 68-year-old California Ranch-style house because city documents do not identify the style as historically important and it's unknown whether builder Hugh Comstock designed it. The board delayed the appeal last month after the property file was found to contain Comstock's plans for a Salinas home, with unsigned sketches for the Carmel house attached. The board asked historian Kent Seavey to review the documents and determine whether he still believes Comstock designed the house.

Based on the handwriting and inscriptions, Seavey said he has "no reason to doubt" Comstock designed the house at Casanova and 10th. Conroy agreed but said the evidence was "not definitive."

Representing the vacationing homeowners, consultant Meta Bunse said the home's style is common and does not

represent an important era for Comstock, who is best known for his storybook cottages and post-adobe homes.

Board members disagreed, unanimously voting to deny the appeal.

"This is a rather special part of Comstock's work," member Erik Dyer said. "It's transitional."

Why penalize the kids?

The owner of a Tudor-style home at Casanova and Ninth should be required to protect it, Seavey argued, because arts benefactors Jack and Shari Herron bought in 1929 and lived there for years.

But the Herrons' daughter, Schatzi Joy, who owns the house now, vehemently disagreed.

Her parents sold ladies' dresses out of a shop in the Seven Arts building for 65 years, supported the arts with modest financial contributions when they could and were good parents, according to a letter from Joy. "However, it does not follow that because my mother was a hard-working woman all her life that the house she lived in should be turned into some kind of shrine which cannot be changed to make it basically livable," Joy wrote. "It is scarcely a fitting reward to her that simply because she lived and worked a long time in Carmel that her descendants should be financially punished by having the market value of her house decreased by its designation as a historic structure."

Conroy also disagreed with Seavey that the Herrons' ownership of the house qualified it as historic.

"While Mrs. Herron was clearly involved in the arts in Carmel, it is unclear whether or not her involvement would qualify as shaping Carmel's identity as an art and cultural center," he said.

Nevertheless, the home's "high degree of integrity, important architectural style and its ability to convey a sense of time and place," make it historically significant, he concluded.

No one testified on Joy's behalf, and the board unanimously voted to deny her appeal. It also instructed Seavey to beef up his argument the Herrons were important enough that their home requires preservation.

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A humble home on San Carlos Street that is "an early

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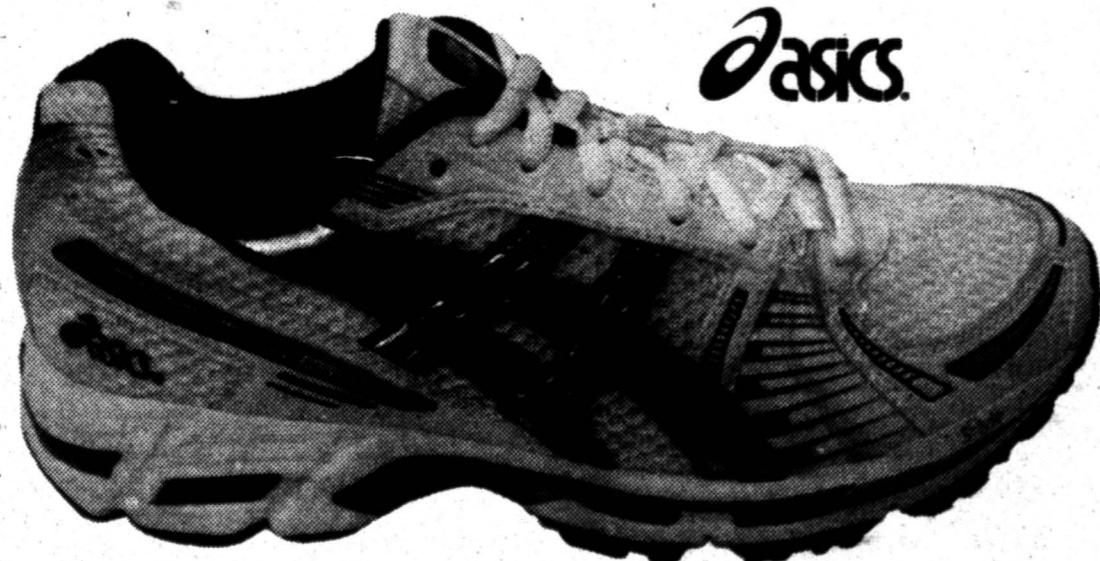
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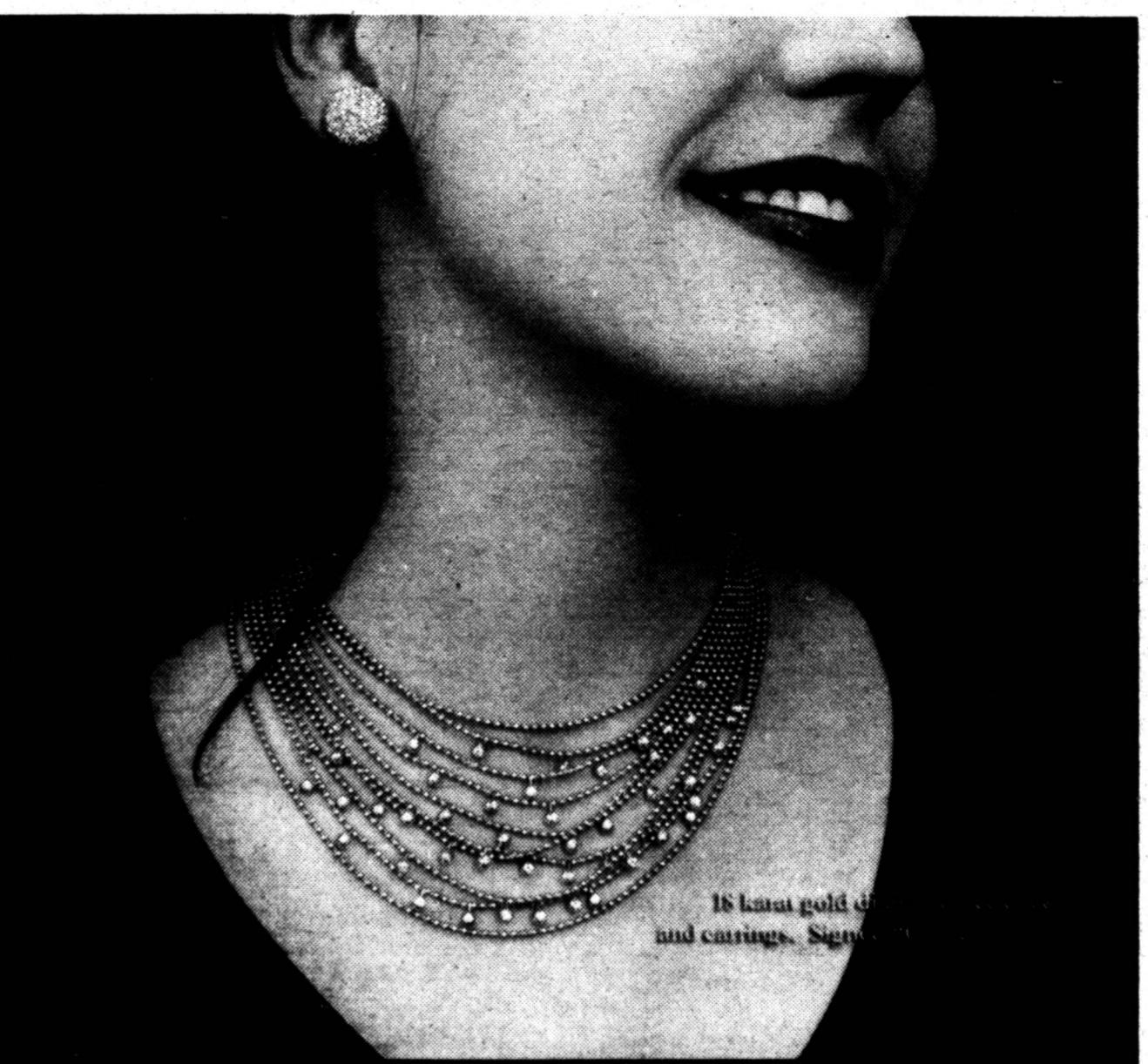
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Volunteer army to attack 'evil' English ivy

By MARY BROWNFIELD

ENGLISH IVY — the invasive vine that chokes the life out of trees and can harbor rodents — will be removed from city-owned trees by the blade-wielding Friends of Carmel Forest, according to Clayton Anderson, one of the volunteer group's leaders.

"We'll do every street in town, and whenever we see ivy growing, we will pull it down," he said of the campaign set to run through May — or however long it takes.

Used as groundcover and to stop soil erosion, English ivy can quickly grow out of control, climbing any vertical surface. When allowed to cover a tree, the vine blocks sunlight, air circulation and nourishment, often stifling its host. In addition, a thick covering

of ivy makes it difficult to determine whether a tree's trunk is split, beetle-infested or otherwise unhealthy.

While the vines often climb 50, 60 or 70 feet up a tree, only the bottom 6 to 8 feet need to be cleared from the base of the tree, according to Anderson. Eventually, the rest will die away.

Removing mature English ivy, which has been called "the cockroach of the forest," requires some muscle.

"Some of the vines are 4 inches thick," Anderson said. "We have loppers with a sharp edge that can get around most of them, but when it gets too big, we have to saw through it, and sometimes we even have to use a crowbar to get it away from the trunk."

The volunteers will work about four hours a day — two in the morning and two in

the afternoon.

"Most of our workers are a little older, so they can't go eight hours a day," he said, adding that two hours of ivy removal makes for a great workout. "You don't have to go to the gym or sports center afterward, because you're exhausted."

The groups will also rip out the invasive, yellow-flowered genista (commonly known as French broom) when they encounter it, and city forestry crews will pick up the piles of cut vines and dead weeds, according to Anderson.

"The city would do it all if it had enough manpower," Anderson said. "But it doesn't."

He encouraged residents to keep an eye on their trees and keep the English ivy off of them.

"And if they need help, they can call us and we'll send someone down," he said.

For more information, call Anderson at (831) 624-3208 or Steve Brooks at (831)

Junior lifeguard program

CALIFORNIA STATE Parks will offer two four-week ocean safety classes this summer for kids ages 9 to 16.

Training includes surf and ocean rescue, first aid and CPR, surfing, boogie boarding, body surfing, sailing, kayaking and skin diving. There will also be ocean games, beach flags, relay races, tide pooling and building sand castles.

Monterey State Beach will host the program's first session from June 12 to July 7. The second will be offered at Asilomar State Beach from July 17 to Aug. 11. Tryouts will be held at the Monterey Sports Center on June 4 and July 9 at 6 p.m. To qualify, students must swim 100 yards continuously, swim underwater for 10 yards and tread water for three minutes.

For more info, call (831) 649-7144 or visit www.monterey-juniorlifeguard.com. \$400 per person, and \$375 for each additional child in a family.



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Carmel city councilman Mike Cunningham (left) and resident Dick Dalsemer get a workout yanking vines of fast-growing, invasive, tree-strangling English ivy from the trunk of a grateful Monterey pine.



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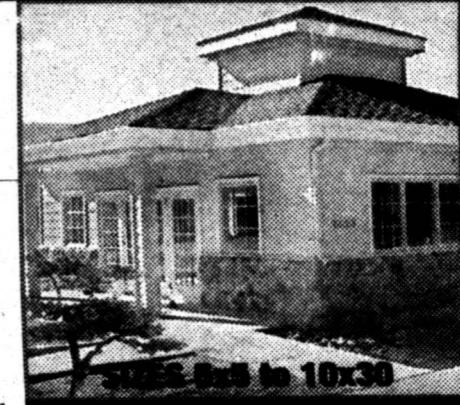
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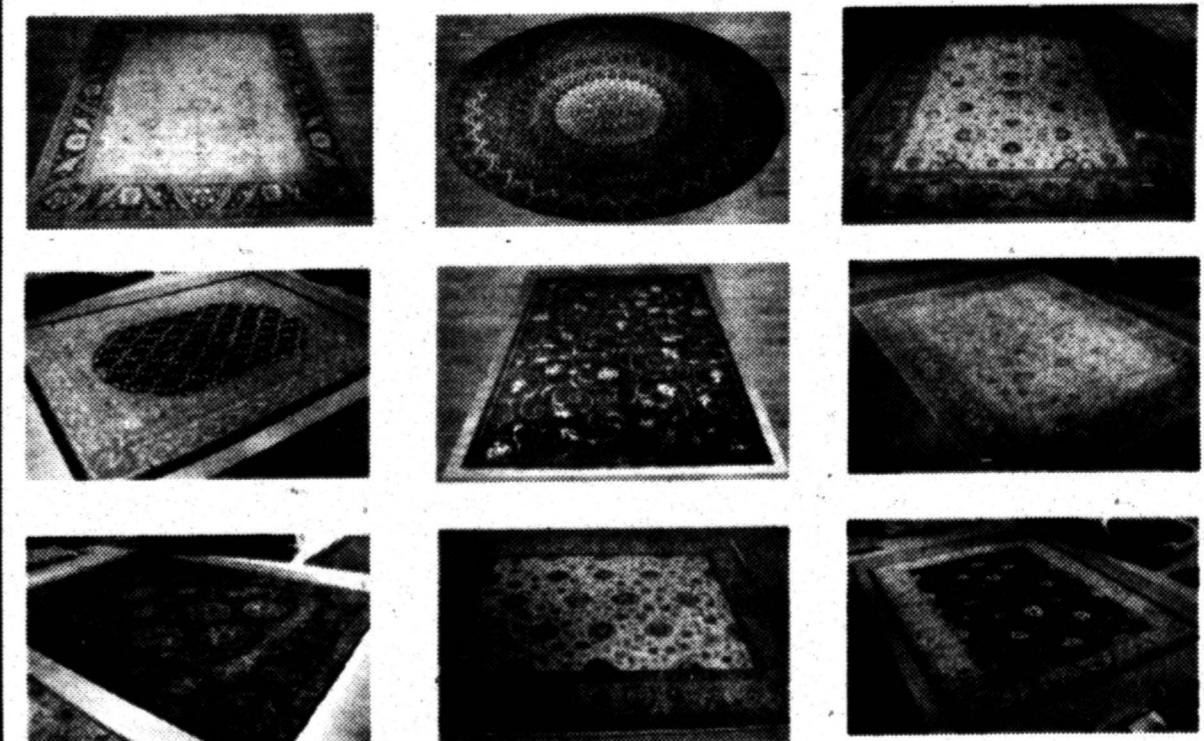


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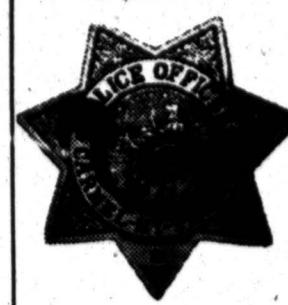
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Police & Sheriff's Log

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HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department, the Carmel Fire Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Brownfield.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalism to a vehicle in the area of

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported two female adults and one male juvenile entered her store in Carmel Plaza and were possibly trying to steal merchandise. When she asked them if they needed help, they left the store quickly. She found some clothing on the floor in the area they were browsing. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency at Ocean and Del Mar. Engine and ambulance on scene. Crew assisted with vitals, oxygen, patient report information and loading for a male suffering from nausea and vomiting. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on San Carlos Street. Engine and ambulance on scene. Crew assisted with patient report information and loading for an elderly female suffering from body pain. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel area: Two 14-year-old male juveniles were detained for being in possession of marijuana at Carmel Middle School. Both subjects were issued a citation and released to their parents.

Pebble Beach: A 35-year-old male reported theft of his golf bag and golf clubs valued at \$2,760 from the Poppy Hills golf shop. Occurred at 0811 hours, April 14.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A couple was reported having a verbal disagreement within the commercial district on San Carlos Street. Both parties admitted no physical altercation occurred, and the disagreement was verbal only. Both parties were intoxicated, and the couple was provided a courtesy ride to their residence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver issued citation for driving while unlicensed and vehicle towed from Junipero Street for expired registration.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported a barking dog on Camino Real. No barking heard on officer's arrival. After a while, officer heard two dogs barking. The owner came home and was contacted about possible preventative measures. Warning given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen found a loose dog on Scenic Road. The foster caregiver was located, and the dog was returned. The dog jumped out of the vehicle when the door was opened. Information and warning given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Lobos Street. Engine and ambulance on scene. Crew assisted ambulance with patient report information, extrication from residence and loading into the ambulance for an older female with general weakness and difficulty breathing. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine, ambulance and chief all responded to reported unconfirmed coastal incident at Carmel Beach. Engine and ambulance at scene. Investigated with CPD and confirmed there was no emergency, it was a local swimmer. Chief was canceled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to reported unknown type alarm sounding at Lincoln and Ocean. Both units at scene. Investigated and found no hazards. Also dis-

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YOUR AUTO COLUMN

Presented by Kevin & Sue Anne Donohoe

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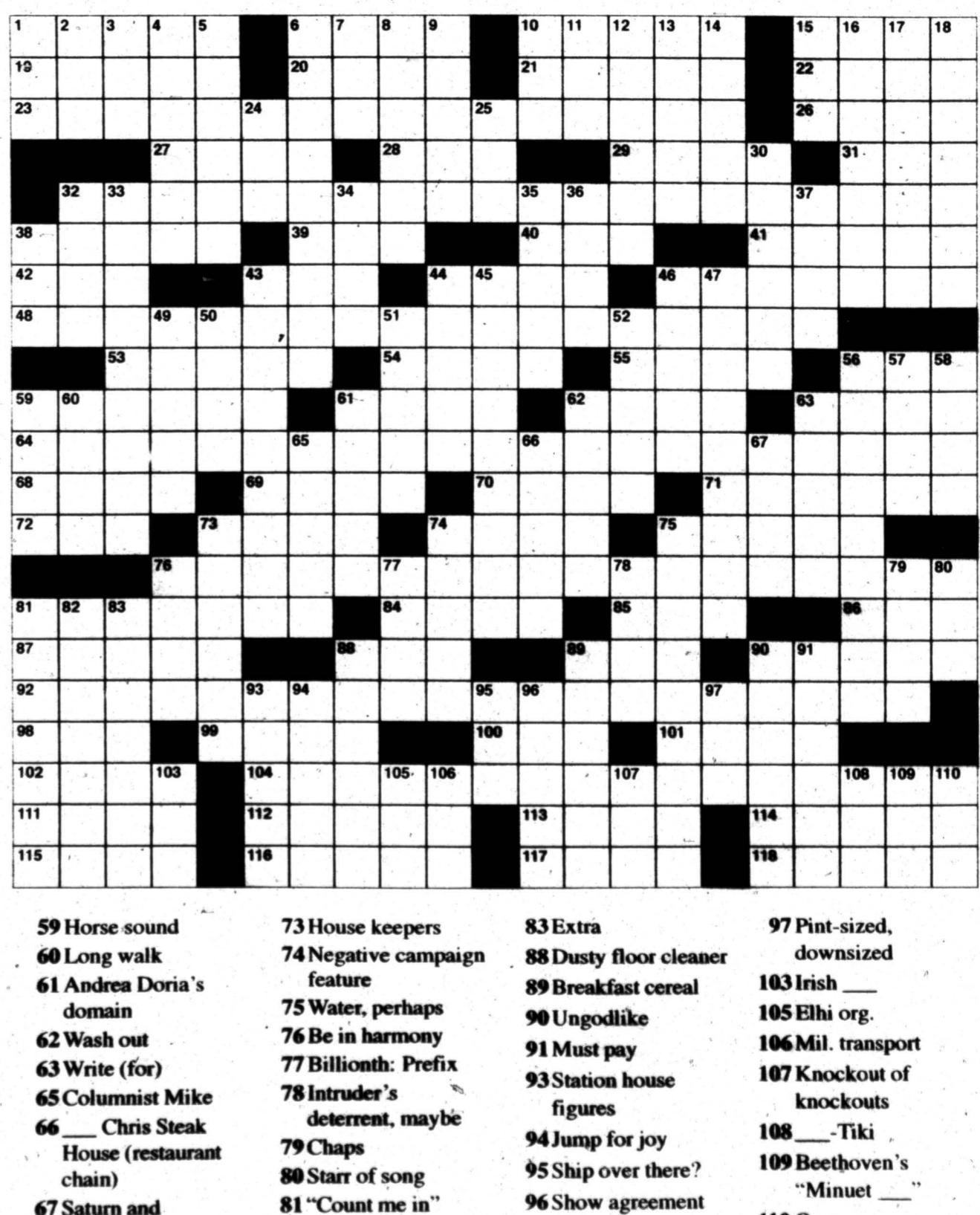
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Council plans to spend on tourism, landscaping, high-tech projects

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A CARMEL City Council budget workshop April 25 — briefly interrupted by a veterinarian's call to the mayor after her puppy swallowed a wine cork — focused on a three-year wish list of major city projects roughly estimated to cost \$3.36 million.

City administrator Rich Guillen asked the council to prioritize the work so the 2006/2007 budget could be presented May 23.

"We're not talking dollars and cents today," Mayor Sue McCloud told the council, though member Erik Bethel wondered how to decide which projects should be done first without knowing their price tags.

"I sure don't understand what the benefits are, what the costs are, so ranking them becomes somewhat difficult," councilman Mike Cunningham agreed.

Guillen highlighted 14 major projects that would require the most staff time. "See if these are still the priority projects you want," he said. "And if you want to add projects, I beg you to remove something."

Some are already well under way, such as the sale of Flanders Mansion. Preservationists sued the city over the decision to sell the mansion last fall, and a court will probably decide its fate. Resident Olof Dahlstrand surprisingly suggested the city tear the old house down, returning the land to the surrounding park and at least saving some money on maintenance.

"I can't remember anyone having the temerity to bring this up, but I think it should be seriously considered," he said.

The council disregarded Dahlstrand's suggestion and OK'd Guillen's list of priority projects, including:

- continuing the contract with economic development manager Greg Sellers;
- re-landscaping the Ocean Avenue medians, to be paid for with donations;
- landscaping Sunset Center, which has received some tax dollars via a state grant;
- revising the parking plan;
- funding a "tourism improvement district" in conjunction with the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau;
- renovating the Forest Theater;
- repaving Junipero Street between Ocean and Eighth;
- creating a GIS/GPS map of the city for public safety;
- scanning documents for digital storage;
- implementing a long-term reforestation plan;
- holding a farmers' market;
- reducing speed limits on city streets; and
- making the Scout House ADA compliant.

In addition, the council reviewed a work list that included updating city laws to comply with the Local Coastal Program, buying new software, re-carpeting city hall, replacing fire and police vehicles, re-landscaping and restoring Fourth Avenue, repaving other city streets and parking lots, installing a new underground water tank and an irrigation booster pump, resurfacing the tennis courts and fixing up the much-loathed Del Mar restrooms at Carmel Beach.

The doggone cork

The majority of the speakers Tuesday asked the council to restore operating hours at Harrison Memorial Library's main and children's branches, and supported signing up with the MCCVB to promote the area to tourists. The library operations are part of the main budget, not the capital projects list, so while the council acknowledged the requests, it did not take any action.

"Carmel's forest is really part of its infrastructure and as important, if not more important, than the buildings you take care of," commented resident Linda Anderson, who suggested the council hire another forestry worker.

Council members removed nothing from the list but asked Guillen to provide more information on how many people use the public tennis courts, how to reduce the costs of ADA work at the Scout House, whether Soledad prison inmates could install the city hall carpet, how many trees have been removed and replaced, and a map of scheduled street repairs. Council members also requested a report from the community traffic safety commission on reducing speed limits in town, and Cunningham proposed drafting an "asset management plan" of all city properties and possessions.

Guillen will present the full budget May 23, after which council members and residents will have two weeks to submit questions. The council will discuss the spending plan June 13 and again June 22, if necessary. The budget must be adopted by June 30.

Following the meeting, McCloud reported her Dandie Dinmont terrier puppy had to undergo surgery to remove the Acorn Vineyards Syrah cork he had swallowed.

"The doctor said, 'That's the most expensive bottle of wine you're going to have,'" McCloud said, since the vet bills totaled \$2,000. At least the wine was good.

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covered that the building had an unmonitored alarm system. Disabled the alarm bell and contacted the owner of the building and directed them to have the alarm company respond to check out the alarm system.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded

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to reported medical emergency on Forest. Both units at scene. Firefighters assisted the medics with the assessment and care of a female resident feeling dizzy. Firefighters helped load the patient for transport to CHOMP.

Carmel area: A 38-year-old female at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue reported a known female subject was following and harassing her today.

Carmel area: A 62-year-old female reported her landlord would not return her belongings after she was evicted from her address on Carmel Rancho Way.

Carmel Valley: A male El Caminito Road resident, age 52, reported someone dumped garbage on his property. Deputy determined the owner of garbage was a juvenile. Contacted the father who took the garbage and agreed to handle the problem. Victim requested nothing further.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male suspect, age 24, was stopped at Ocean Avenue and Highway 1 and cited for DUI.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of vandalism on San Carlos Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a past-tense broken window to a vehicle parked on Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person at a San Carlos Street business reported an ongoing problem with a customer who was disrespectful to an employee. Owner asked that customer be told he was no longer welcome at the business. A message was left requesting the customer to call the officer back regarding the incident.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: While on patrol, the officer noticed a window of an Ocean Avenue building that had been smashed with a rock. No property was taken. Responsible responded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a business sign taken from an Ocean Avenue building.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A Casanova Street resident reported that his personal information may have been accessed via a department store where he opened a credit account.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost ring in the business area about three weeks ago.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine responded to report of medical emergency for a female with neck pain. Home located on Dolores Street. Fire engine at scene; ambulance already on scene due to misdirected call for mutual aid from FireComm. Firefighters assisted the medics with full c-spine splint and loading of a patient for transport to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to report of medical emergency, possible stroke, on San Carlos Street. Firefighters assessed the male resident, who required transport to CHOMP. Patient refused and signed an AMA medical release form.

Pebble Beach: A 24-year-old female reported graffiti to a Riata Road residence. "The game" was spray-painted in orange on the wall next to the electric entrance gate to their property. Unknown when it occurred.

Carmel Valley: Male reported graffiti to community signs along Tierra Grande Drive.

Pebble Beach: A 36-year-old male reported unknown person(s) forced entry to the victim's Stevenson Drive home and stole several items.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Counter report taken of a past-tense collision on Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a past-tense battery on Mission Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found on Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: School counselor reported possible abuse of one of his students.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Property found on Lincoln Street.

Carmel area: A female victim reported her wallet was lost in the area of Albertson's in Carmel Rancho on Thursday, April 13. Wallet contained \$30 in cash and credit cards.

Pebble Beach: A Hawkins Place resident reported unknown person(s) forced entry to the victim's residence and possibly stole some items.

Carmel area: Two suspects entered the victim's Ocean View

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General plan initiative backers blast supervisors' proposals

By KELLY NIX

WITH THEIR ballot measure stalled after a U.S. District Court Judge said it couldn't be put before voters, backers of the Community General Plan have turned their attention to a rival plan being developed by the county board of supervisors — a plan they say allows too much growth, favors a few private property owners at the expense of everybody else, and doesn't require infrastructure to be in place before new development can proceed.

In response to a series of questions from The Pine Cone, a Carmel Valley activist said the valley stands to be harmed the most by the supervisors' plan, known as GPU4.

Glenn Robinson, president of the Carmel Valley Association, said his group is studying GPU4 to determine its full impacts on the Peninsula and Carmel Valley.

"In short, GPU4, as it now stands, is a plan for significant new development in this area without concomitant infrastructure improvements," Robinson said.

The plan, which is up for public review this summer, would be a recipe for traffic gridlock and would mean a loss of the area's "rural character," he said.

"The county is calling for the creation of a 'rural center' at the mouth of Carmel Valley," he said. "Rural centers are designed to be areas of significant growth."

Robinson said development would be rampant throughout the valley because GPU4 would end the moratorium on new subdivisions in the area. More homes, he said, mean more traffic and more demand for water.

"GPU4 has removed the 'traffic triggers' on Carmel Valley Road, thus de-linking traffic from development," he said. "In other words, development may intensify without

regard to traffic impacts."

Robinson said what's best for Carmel Valley is to return to a draft plan that was drawn up by county staff and members of the Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee.

"In scrapping the earlier process in favor of GPU4, the county forgot about what the people in our community want, what our priorities are," he said. "In a nutshell, those priorities are to preserve the rural character, open spaces and small-town feel of our community. We know there will be growth, based on the existing legal lots of record, but we don't want the overdevelopment of Carmel Valley."

Salinas City Councilwoman Jyl Lutes, another backer of the Community General Plan initiative, said the supervisors' plan favors 29 property owners who had previously made development requests.

"The GPU4 begins with a description of parcels that were given special treatment in the new general plan process," Lutes said. "With no public review or discussion, these individuals were given new land use classifications that will enable them to move quickly with new development proposals. This is a basically flawed process with political overtones: Who got what and who didn't get special treatment?"

The initiative she supported sought to direct development to areas that already have infrastructure to deal with more homes, something GPU4 doesn't do, Lutes argued.

"Further subdivisions would simply require a zoning change to the highest density; a general plan amendment would no longer be necessary," Lutes said. "This affects us all with greater sprawl rather than reinvesting in cities and communities with existing infrastructure."

Lutes said GPU4 allows for more growth than is needed to accommodate even the most aggressive population growth, which has an affect on the entire county.

"State law requires jurisdictions to provide build-out estimates," she said. "What is the estimated build-out under this general plan? What portion of this development will take place outside community areas and rural areas? Without an estimate of build-out, how can infrastructure impacts be planned and coordinated amongst various responsible agencies as well as achieving concurrency with development?"

Chris Fitz, executive director of LandWatch Monterey County, a cosponsor of the initiative, agrees with Lutes.

"The most important thing is any general plan is where it will allow growth and where it will not allow growth," Fitz said. "GPU4 says the answer to growth throughout the unincorporated areas is 'maybe.' This is a radical program. It doesn't identify any place where growth should not happen."

P.G. City Council and mayor pay could be eliminated

By KELLY NIX

IT MAY not be much. But the extra cash Pacific Grove City Council members and the mayor put in their pockets every month will be eliminated or reduced if the council votes in favor of a new ordinance.

Councilman Scott Miller has proposed the city quit paying the mayor \$700 and council members \$420 each month for their services. "If we expect our boards and commissions and everyone who works in the community to work without compensation," Miller said, "the very least we can do is set an example and do likewise."

Eliminating pay to council members and the mayor would save the city \$38,640 per year, he said. "You think \$420 isn't a lot, but that's \$5,000 a year for a council member and \$8,400 for the mayor," said Miller. He said he donates his after-tax wages from the city to various charities.

"I realize our council people and mayor spend a lot of time and do a lot of work on behalf of the city, and some people say you can't pay us enough to do the work we do," he said. "But it's such an honor to represent our town that compensation is really secondary."

Miller said, however, he still supports reimbursing city council members for any out-of-pocket expenses they incur while doing city business.

In Carmel, the mayor gets paid \$200 per month, while council members get a measly \$150 per month.

Besides receiving city pay, Pacific Grove council members are also entitled to receive stipends from some county

agencies if they serve on their boards.

"Some people actually consider compensation the reason to be on the council, and that's one incentive I'm trying to remove," Miller said. "I can't really say with the current council if compensation is an issue or not, but in previous councils there were times people seemed to be serving because of financial incentives, including pensions."

Councilwoman Susan Goldbeck wasn't immediately sold on the idea of getting rid of the monthly stipends.

"I think that should be a personal choice for each mayor or council member," Goldbeck said. "The money we receive does defray some, but not all of our expenses, and we do not want to create an atmosphere that only affluent people can serve as public officials in our town."

Pacific Grove has a serious budget shortfall and has looked at various ways to save money. Last year, the council voted to rescind free golf privileges for city employees and members of boards, committees and commissions, a move that upset some and was lauded by others.

"Given we are looking at uncertain economic and budgetary times, it seems now to be an appropriate time to take a leadership position on this issue and reduce our compensation," Miller said.

Coincidentally, at Wednesday's meeting, the council will receive budget requests from the city's department heads for 2006 and 2007, said city manager Jim Colangelo.

The city council meeting, Wednesday, May 3, begins at 6 p.m. at Pacific Grove City Hall, 300 Forest Ave.

'Ghostsies' at Golden Bough

THE GOLDEN Bough Theatre will host performances of "Ghostsies" Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m. The production, which continues through May 7, is based on a book by Walt de Faria, who also serves as the play's director.

The Golden Bough is located on the west side of Monte Verde, between Eighth and Ninth. For tickets, call (831) 622-0100 or visit www.pacrep.com.



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CARMEL WOMAN'S CLUB presents "FAST EDDIE ERICKSON" with his special entertaining talent. Fast Eddie will play the banjo and sing popular songs with his special brand of humor. Join us Monday, May 15, 2:00 p.m., at the Carmel Woman's Club at 9th and San Carlos in Carmel. Tea and sandwiches will be served following the meeting. Guests are \$3 and are invited to attend. Reservations not required. Contact (831) 622-7412 for membership and additional information.

UPSCALE RUMMAGE SALE is set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Carlson Hall, **CHURCH OF THE WAYFARER**, Seventh at Lincoln, Carmel. Free admission. Look for household items, clothing, linen, books, jewelry, furniture, antiques and collectibles. Patio Cafe will be open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the upstairs Garden Room. A Pre-sale will take place 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, April 28. Pre-sale tickets are \$5 at the door or in advance at the church office. Details: (831) 624-3550.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION "Go Red For Women Luncheon" Saturday, May 6, **MONTEREY MARRIOTT HOTEL** and Spa, 350 Calle Principal. Wear something red and come for a fun day of education, shopping and delicious lunch! Choice Home Health Care presents "The Heart of Care Giving" at 10 a.m. Reception is at 11 a.m. Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. features a survivor and a heart doctor. \$75 person. Reservations (831) 757-6221.

MASAOKA DESIGN GALLERY presents: "Nick Leonoff: New Glass Forms." The exhibition will be on view from May 5 through June 30, 2006. An opening reception will be held Friday, May 5, from 5 to 8 p.m., followed by a glassblowing demonstration Saturday, May 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. 100 percent of sales go directly to the artist for continuing education in hot glass. 13766 Center Street in the Center Street Plaza in Carmel Valley Village. For further information call (831) 659-4953 or visit www.alanmasaoka.com

"A TABLE AFFAIR" sponsored by The Pebble Beach Riding & Trails Association and the Pebble Beach Company will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. May 11 at the **CONFERENCE CENTER OF THE LODGE AT PEBBLE BEACH**. The event will benefit the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation. View 26 one-of-a-kind festive tables and meet six of our new Central Coast rescue canines and their firefighter handlers. There is no charge for this event, but donations will be appreciated.

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BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION Saturday, April 29, 2006: Celebration Service 10:30-11 a.m. Service and bathing ceremony for Baby Buddha. Participating monks chanting, 11:11-30 a.m. Dharma Talk, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lotus lantern making contest, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch on Saturday will be traditional Buddhist temple dishes. This lunch is free and open to the public. Sunday, April 30, 2006: Traditional Korean Service, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Sunday, service and bathing ceremony for Baby Buddha, noon-1 p.m. Lunch

MONTEREY HIGH SCHOOL PTSA Field & Track Renovation Project Presents **POLYNESIAN GALA** Sunday, April 30. V.I.P. reception at 1 p.m. General admission/student seating at 1:40 p.m. and show starts at 2 p.m.

HISTORIC GOLDEN STATE THEATER, 417 Alvarado Street, Monterey. V.I.P., \$50; general admission \$25; children/student, \$15; under 2, free. Ticket locations: Monterey High School; Bay Books, 316 Alvarado St., Monterey; Borders Express, Del Monte Center, or e-mail kehauhana@yahoo.com. Ph: (831) 394-1872 or (831) 238-5853

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THE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT CLUB, Monterey Bay, is holding its fifth open meeting to the public. Beth Rosenblum, Senior Mortgage Planner, Princeton Capital and Founder of the Real Estate Investment Club Monterey Bay will offer a Financing Q&A session. The event will feature Joseph Difu of Xchange Solutions who will give an educational presentation on regular, reverse and delayed 1031 exchanges. Small group discussions will take place after the speakers so attendees can network and learn from one another. The meeting will be held Monday, May 8, at the **CASA MUNRAS HOTEL**, 700 Munras Ave., Monterey, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. \$10 per person. To RSVP, please call (831) 238-5419 or email rob@reicmb.com.

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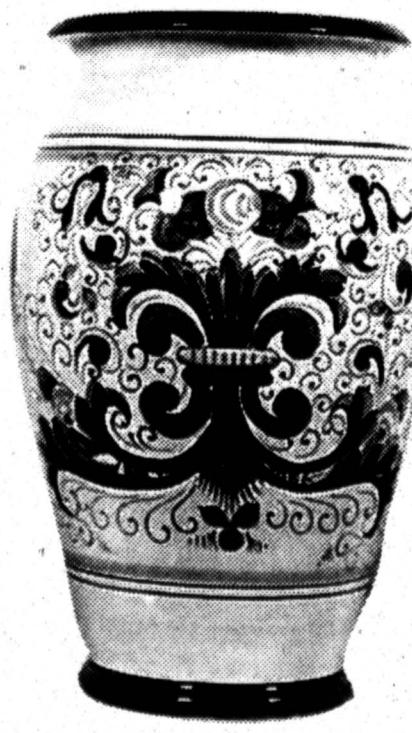
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GOING FOR THE BIG TAX DEDUCTIONS

We hear it again and again. People want to buy a home because they need to shelter their income with tax deductions. They take out the largest possible mortgage in order to reap the largest possible interest payment deductions.

"I have it written literally in stone in my office," says financial advisor Randolph Stone. "Never let the tax tail wag the dog."

He's right. After all, by the large-loan logic, it also makes sense to take out a loan with the highest possible interest rate, because it will give you more of an interest deduction. Let us not forget, though, that you have to pay out more in order to deduct more.

There is, however, an important consideration that Stone's written-in-stone rule overlooks. Robert Bruss, nationally-syndicated real estate columnist, makes this point repeatedly. Tax law allows you to deduct interest on your purchase money loan plus \$100,000 in additional loans secured by the house. If you may need to refinance (perhaps because of value appreciation and attractive mortgages) or otherwise borrow against your home in the future, you may be limiting what you can do if you take out the smallest possible mortgage in the first place. There are no simple answers...simply because everyone's plans and needs differ. Make sure yours, not stony rules, are always the focus. Need help? just call Maureen at 622-2565 and visit her website at www.maureenmason.com.

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Carmel Valley

Tree trimmer ordered to pay \$30,000 in restitution, fines

By KELLY NIX

A TREE trimmer who prosecutors say overcharged several Carmel Valley and Pacific Grove senior citizens was ordered by a judge to pay nearly \$30,000 in restitution and fines.

Alatini Saulala, 37, who had faced up to four years in prison, was accused of fleecing four residents, ranging in age from 77 to 94, who have dementia, Alzheimer's and failing memory. "Saulala paid \$5,000 to one victim, \$22,000 to another, and paid \$2,000 in fines and penalties," said Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Lisa Poll.

Superior Court Judge Michael Fields on April 5 also ordered Saulala not to perform any tree trimming or home improvement without a license, not to agree to do any work without a written contract, and not to sign a contract with an

Case that derailed general plan initiative called up for review

AN APPEALS court ruling that was used to invalidate the Community General Plan ballot measure has been put on hold pending review by an 11-judge appellate panel.

Last fall, a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered Orange County not to hold a recall election for a school board member because petitions calling for his ouster had been circulated only in English.

That decision, in *Padilla v. Lever*, was cited by a federal trial judge five weeks ago in overturning the Community General Plan Initiative in Monterey County. Despite being endorsed by more than 15,000 Monterey County residents, the plan cannot be put on the ballot, the judge ruled.

Monterey County and Orange County have substantial Spanish-speaking populations. Federal election law requires both counties to prepare "official" election materials in Spanish as well as English. The question in the *Padilla* and Community General Plan cases is whether citizens' petitions are subject to the same requirement.

An order signed April 20 by Chief Judge Mary Schroeder said the *Padilla* decision will be reviewed *en banc*. There was no timetable for when the appeals court will rule again.

elderly client unless two signatories approve the contract, including one who is under 65 years old, Poll said. He must also keep documents proving he is in compliance with the order.

Saulala had been charged with three counts of financial elder abuse and two counts of grand theft, all felonies.

"We had a civil resolution, which means we dismissed the criminal charges and we filed a civil suit against him for unfair business practices," Poll said.

Saulala could not be reached for comment, but his attorney, Richard Rosen, said in February his client was innocent.

"He did not cheat anybody, and he did not intend to cheat anybody," Rosen said.

The most serious allegation involved a 77-year-old woman from Carmel Valley who paid Saulala \$50,000 during a six-month period for tree work that Poll said should have cost about \$5,000. Saulala worked under the business names A.S. Tree Trimming and A.S. Concrete, Poll said. Poll said Saulala paid about \$20,000 back to the woman before the district attorney's office sued him for the rest of the money.

Another woman, during a three-month period, paid him \$11,000 to trim her trees, and the third victim he charged \$250 to trim a bush

that took 20 minutes, she said. Another woman was charged \$2,000 to trim one tree.

Saulala's alleged crimes occurred between March and December 2004.

"He [went] door to door saying, 'I see your trees are overgrown, do you need them trimmed?'" Poll said. "He was not a licensed contractor at the time."

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By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL CITY Council members thanked Phyllis Gambill for her years of service on the community activities and cultural commission Tuesday, after she and husband Denny Gambill announced they will be leaving town. With her departure and the March death of Carmel Design Review Board member Leslie Kitselman, the city is seeking to fill two open seats and will accept applications until May 6.

The community activities and cultural commission consists of five members, three of whom must live within the city's one square mile, while the others may be from Carmel's surrounding "sphere of influence."

Its membership must have some commissioners involved in or familiar with the creative or performing arts, and some who are more interested in the "park and recreational programs and in the various city park facilities," according to the Carmel Municipal Code.

Gambill's four-year term was set to expire in October.

DRB

The design review board members must "support and advocate for the enhancement and preservation of Carmel-by-the-Sea as 'primarily, essentially and predominately a residential city,'" according to the Carmel Municipal Code. All of its five members must be residents of the city, and applicants should share varied backgrounds and experience in fields such as architecture, historical architecture, design art, landscaping and construction/building.

The DRB was created by the city council "generally to review residential, commercial and public works projects involving construction of new dwellings, substantial alterations and projects that do not qualify for administrative review and do not involve land use or variances," according to the code.

Kitselman's term was set to expire in October 2009.

Anyone interested in applying for either position should pick up an application at city hall and return it by May 6.

For more information, call (831) 620-2000.

Big Sur locals worried about government land

ABOUT 30 local residents showed up at the Big Sur River Inn this week for the first in a series of four "coastal neighbor" forums sponsored by the Coast Property Owners Association, an organization which hopes to stimulate debate over the ongoing acquisition of private land by government agencies.

Mike Caplin, president of the homeowners group, encourages local residents to attend the forums, which he said address an important local issue.

"Over the past 20 years, government agencies have purchased about 1,000 acres of land a year," Caplin said. "If it keeps going this way, it becomes more likely and less costly to federalize the area, and we wind up with a national park. Local residents are very concerned about this. We're hopeful we can come up with a solution."

Rocky Point restaurant, located about 12 miles south of Carmel on Highway 1, will host the next forum Thursday, May 4. The conference room at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park — about 26 miles south of Carmel — will be the setting of the third meeting Wednesday, May 10. The final forum will be presented at the South Coast Community Center Tuesday, May 16. The community center is adjacent to the Pacific Valley

School, about 65 miles south of Carmel. All meetings begin at 6:45 p.m.

Board OKs redo of non-historic home

AN HISTORIAN said the home should be protected, but the property owner objected and convinced the city's historic resources board his house didn't belong on the official list.

This week, a substantial remodel was approved by the Carmel Design Review Board for a home on Second Avenue owned by Joe Villareal.

According to the plans OK'd by the DRB, crews will demolish a 400-square-foot detached garage and construct a 775-square-foot addition that will include a 200-square-foot attached garage at the rear of the property.

While designer Ken Wiese proposed a combination of stucco and wood siding for the new construction, assistant planner Nathan Schmidt suggested one or the other would be better, and the DRB approved a condition requiring Villareal and co-applicant Julie Ostarelo to choose.

The plans also include replacing an asphalt driveway with sand-set pavers and installing small brick landings outside the doorways of the new addition.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons bearing any interest in the matter that the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, will conduct both a Public Meeting and a Public Hearing.

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA AT THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, A BALLOT MEASURE AMENDING SECTIONS 5.08.010 AND 5.08.020 OF THE CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSE FEES; APPROVING THE FORM OF THE BALLOT QUESTION; SETTING FORTH PROCEDURES FOR BALLOT ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SUBMIT THE MEASURE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

PURPOSE: Consideration of a business license tax increase ballot measure.

Public Meeting

DAYS: Tuesday

DATES: May 2, 2006

TIMES: 4:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter

PLACE: Both the Public Meeting & the Public Hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues.

Public Hearing

Tuesday

June 6, 2006

4:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter

Any court action made pursuant to decisions made by the City on this proposed action may be limited to issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Meeting & Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA.

(s) Heidi Burch, City Clerk

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Pacific Grove council may decide to allow wine tasting

■ Bar ban could be relaxed a bit

By KELLY NIX

PAGROVIANS WILL soon be able to enter a bar and order a glass of wine if the city council amends a long-standing, alcohol-wary code Wednesday.

Council members will decide whether to change the city code, which would give the thumbs-up to a wine bar in the American Tin Cannery and wine tasting in the downtown area.

"I know we are America's last hometown, but people should have an option if they want a glass of wine," said Moe Ammar, president of the city's chamber of commerce.

Under the current Pacific Grove Municipal Code section regulating liquor sales, a business that serves alcohol must have a kitchen that serves "complete, hot meals." That means restaurants can offer alcohol, but stand-alone bars are not allowed.

If the council changes that, it would "allow the sampling of wine in conjunction with the retail sale of wine and allow for the onsite consumption of wine without the service of food."

"We are the only jurisdiction in the county that doesn't allow stand-alone wine situations," Ammar said. "Why should Carmel, Monterey and Pebble Beach allow it and Pacific Grove be

prohibited?"

He said there are two vendors interested in opening wine tasting businesses downtown and one hoping to establish a wine bar in the American Tin Cannery. If the city code is amended, wine tasting would only be allowed in the "visitor commercial district," which includes downtown. The wine bar would only be permitted in the tin cannery.

Pacific Grove was the last dry town in the state until 1969 when residents voted to allow alcohol in the city.

A public hearing has already been held on the issue and the city's planning commission has recommended the council approve the ordinance, said community development director Jon Biggs.

There hasn't been any vocal opposition to the idea of loosening the city's liquor laws, but the public will have a chance to speak in favor or against the idea at Wednesday's city council meeting.

Ammar said history has shown alcohol sales have had no more impact on Pacific Grove than any other city its size.

"A lot of people speculated before we allowed liquor stores in Pacific Grove that this town would be devastated and there would be drunks in the streets," he said.

Establishments offering wine would

be regulated and would have to abide by state rules that regulate the sale of alcohol.

"They still have to come to the planning department and apply for a permit," he said. "And more importantly, they will have to go through the state's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. There are a lot of restrictions."

Allowing wine tasting would draw more tourism to Pacific Grove, which would benefit the city economically, Ammar said.

"I don't see how it could have any impact on the last hometown image," he said.

The city council meeting, Wednesday May 3, begins at 6 p.m. and is at Pacific Grove City Hall, 300 Forest Avenue.

Meg's Health Notes



Presented by
Meg Parker Conners, R.N.

OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK

If you needed fresh evidence that an optimistic outlook carries health benefits, it comes from researchers at the University of Pittsburgh and Finland's University of Helsinki. Their research showed that pessimists have higher blood pressure than their more optimistic counterparts. This was the conclusion that was drawn after 100 men and women were outfitted with devices that monitored their blood pressure every 30 minutes for two working days. At each interval, the subjects were asked to assess their mood, physical activity level, and social interactions. It was found that, regardless of their mood, pessimists had higher average blood pressures than optimists. That provides us all with one more reason to see the glass as half full.

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MARATHONER

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their first marathons.

The heat and humidity of the Minnesota summer got to his coach, who suffered hallucinations toward the end of the

race and tried to jump in a river even though he couldn't swim, McMurtry recalled.

"It showed me even more that distance running was something I did well, because other people kept dropping out while I kept going," he said. He finished the race in 3:01.

Ever since, McMurtry has aimed to run at least a few marathons each year, maxing out at 10 — including New York, Boston, San Francisco and events throughout the

Midwest — in 1982.

"And I have done some 100-mile races and a couple of 24-hour runs and things like that, just because they were there," he said. In his home state in 1984, McMurtry said he ran 158 miles and 275 yards in 24 hours, after which over-tight muscles meant he "had to walk backward for three or four days and couldn't hardly move."

McMurtry said he ran his quickest marathon, a 2:14, in San Francisco in 1983. These days, he's not quite as ambitious. "I try hard and I like a good time, but I don't normally go into a marathon now with a finishing time in mind," he said, though he admitted he'd like to finish Big Sur in about 2:50. The record is 2:16:39, set by Brad Hawthorne in 1987.

Lots of shoes

McMurtry also enjoys the relative isolation of Big Sur, compared with the crowds who line the streets of more famous, urban races in Boston and New York.

"Running is one of the things I do to get away from social contact as much as possible," he said. But someone who happens to catch a glimpse of him as he runs by should not be surprised to see him "smiling or laughing or something — I'm having a good time."

McMurtry usually runs twice a day, often walking out the front door of the Pacific Grove home he shares with his wife, Joy, and younger son, Michael, and picking his route as he goes. An alarm on his watch reminds him to turn around in time to make it to work in the pro shop at Spyglass Hill Golf Course.

He typically covers between 110 and 115 miles a week, though he varies the distances, routes, speeds and drills in order to keep things interesting. "Last week, I ran to Bixby Bridge and back again," he said. "I just got in a groove to go."

It's a sport that can be dangerous, thanks to distracted tourists. "I've taken dives into the ditch a couple times on 17 Mile Drive," he said. "I can understand — it's a gorgeous place — but they are supposed to be driving."

And all that mileage wears out a lot of shoes. He literally runs through 25 or 30 pairs a year.

While running is physically demanding, McMurtry said a lot of stretching after his runs has helped him remain injury-free.

"And I learned to read my body," he said. "If I need to run easy, I run easy. If I'm tired, I'll take it easy an extra day."

He's looking forward to his third Big Sur International Marathon, an event he hasn't participated in since the 1980s, but his goals extend far beyond this race and this year. He could reach his 200,000th mile sometime in 2009 and hopes to run for decades to come.

"I don't know if I'm unique in the fact that I enjoy every single run I do," he said. "Some people do it because they want to be in shape or lose weight. I'm really lucky because I get to do it; I don't have to do it."

The Big Sur International Marathon, 21-mile walk/run, shorter walks, relay and 5K will be held the morning of Sunday, April 30, and finish at Marathon Flats in the Crossroads at Rio Road and Highway 1. All events but the 5K are sold out. Registration for the 5K will be at the BSIM Health & Fitness Expo at the Monterey Conference Center Friday, April 28, from noon to 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.bsim.org.

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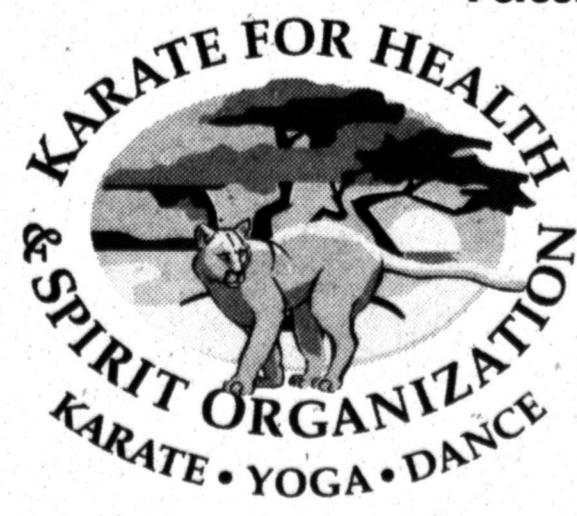
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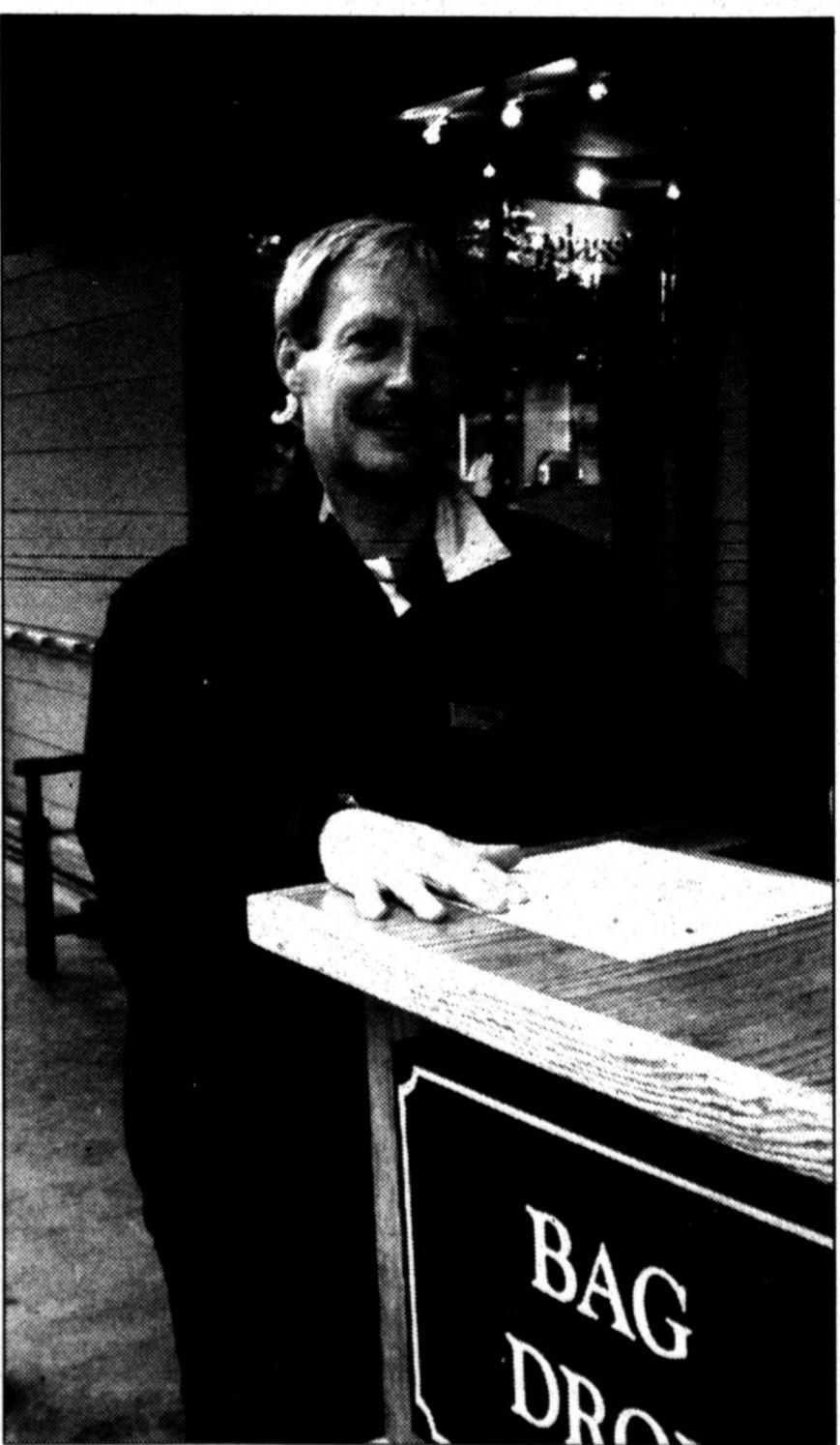
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The wiry Keith McMurtry, who works in the pro shop at Spyglass Hill, uses part of his paychecks to buy 25 or 30 pairs of running shoes a year.

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Janet Reilly

"What's good for Carmel business is good for Carmel!"

On April 18th the Chamber celebrated a wonderful "first" ... our first annual membership luncheon. Held at the beautiful LaPlaya Hotel on one of the prettiest days we've experienced in a long time, 150 Chamber members gathered together to make new friends and reconnect with old ones. Great food, a pristine setting and wonderful fellowship made for a memorable event chaired by John Lloyd of the Pine Inn and Tally-Ho.

I can think of few things I have done since I became Chair that have been more gratifying than welcoming so many Chamber members to our luncheon. Spirits were high and the laughter was loud and frequent (the wine was great too!) as the Carmel business community gathered for fun and fellowship. Highlights included Erin Clark, news anchor from KSBW, as our Mistress of Ceremonies and Mayor Sue McCloud, as she prepared to be sworn in for her fourth term, discussing Carmel's past and future.

But the heart of the event, and its real purpose, was the recognition of members. We recognized businesses that have participated actively for many years. We were particularly gratified to recognize:

The Garcia Gallery, with over 50 years as a member of the Chamber, (formerly the Carmel Business Association) started in Carmel in 1960 to feature artist Danny Garcia. With over 70 years in membership The Carmel Art Association was founded in 1927 as a non-profit cooperative to help local artists. Also with over 70 years in membership, Carmel Realty Company was founded in 1913.

Finally, Billie DiMonaco touched our hearts when she presented the "Spirit of the Carmel Chamber" Award. Accepted on behalf of the late Jennifer Hill by her husband Bill, her children and sister, this award honors a volunteer's "time, talent and energy in sustained service to the Carmel Chamber and the City of Carmel". We could think of no more fitting recipient than Jennifer who devoted so much of her heart and soul to our beautiful village by-the-sea.

Janet Reilly
2006 Board Chair

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Cape Breton's finest fiddler at Sunset Center

By CHRIS COUNTS

IF YOU are planning on becoming a Celtic fiddler, there is perhaps no better place to grow up than on Cape Breton Island, located just off the coast of Nova Scotia on the east coast of Canada.

"Cape Breton is a very musical place," explained fiddler and recording artist Natalie McMaster, an island native who will perform at Sunset Center Wednesday, May 3. "My parents each come from a long line of musicians."

Settled by Scotch-Irish immigrants more than two centuries ago, the island's inhabitants not only managed to

import the musical traditions of their homeland, but they have carried that heritage into the 21st century.

"Music is in my blood," McMaster explained in an interview this week. "I started fiddling when I was 9."

McMaster, 32, began her career recording traditional Cape Breton songs as a teenager. Now, nearly two decades later, she has emerged as a dynamic live performer with a knack for infusing Celtic music with influences from around the world. Mixing elements of jazz, rock and Latin music with the sounds of her homeland, McMaster has earned a devoted following not only among music lovers, but among her peers as well.

The liner notes of her recent recordings are filled with so many top-notch collaborators — including Bela Fleck on banjo, Jerry Douglas on dobro and Sam Bush on mandolin — they resemble a Who's Who of great bluegrass musicians. Even Alison Krauss, arguably the biggest name in bluegrass, lends her voice to McMaster's musical vision.

The critics have been kind as well — after winning numerous East Coast Music Awards for her more traditional recordings, McMaster has earned two Junos, the Canadian equivalent of a Grammy award. She was nominated for a Grammy in 2000 for Best Traditional Recording and has also been named Fiddler of the Year by the Canadian Country Music Awards.

Despite her somewhat non-traditional approach to music, McMaster has relied mostly on traditional songs for inspiration. But that's about to change.

On her next recording, she plans to introduce fans to her blossoming songwriting skills. "It's a big move for me," she admitted. The concert begins at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call (831) 620-2048 or visit www.sunsetcenter.org.



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High-tech tricks help illuminate the miniature world of wildflowers

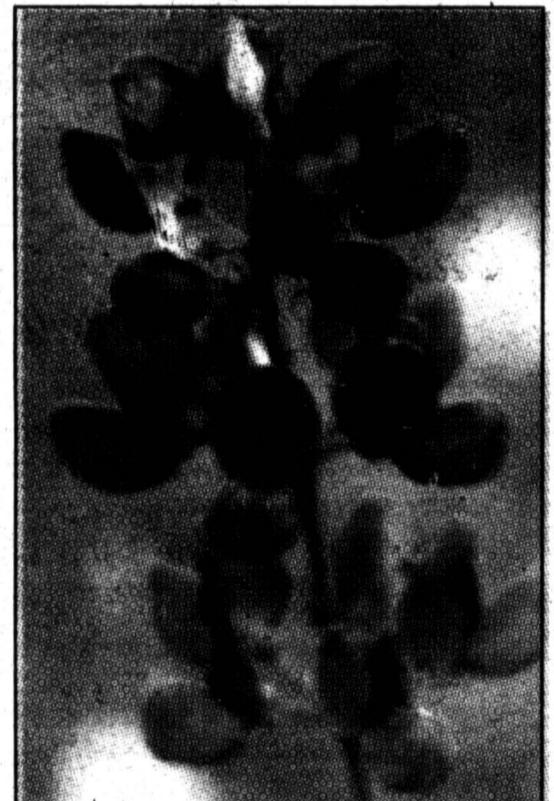
By CHRIS COUNTS

THERE ARE few things in life so fleeting — and so profoundly beautiful — as a wildflower. For a few short days or weeks each spring, a wildflower's petals unfurl in a dazzling display of color. And then they're gone, just another reminder how short and sweet each moment truly is.

Most of us pay little attention to this annual ritual of rebirth and renewal, but for a handful of photographers like David Gubernick of Carmel Valley, a veritable world of creative possibilities exist in each delicate bloom.

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On an outing at Garland Ranch Regional Park, wildflower photographer David Gubernick let Pine Cone reporter Chris Counts use his equipment, and this photo was the result. Gubernick's book has dozens of even better pictures.



Chef Manzke's cooking philosophy: Keep it simple and do it right

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

EXECUTIVE CHEF Walter Manzke took Carmel-by-the-Sea by storm in 2002 at Bouchée on Mission and with the restaurant at L'Auberge Carmel in 2004.

What set Manzke's sensationally creative cuisine apart from other Monterey Peninsula menus was his beautifully

plated, small morsels of absolute perfection.

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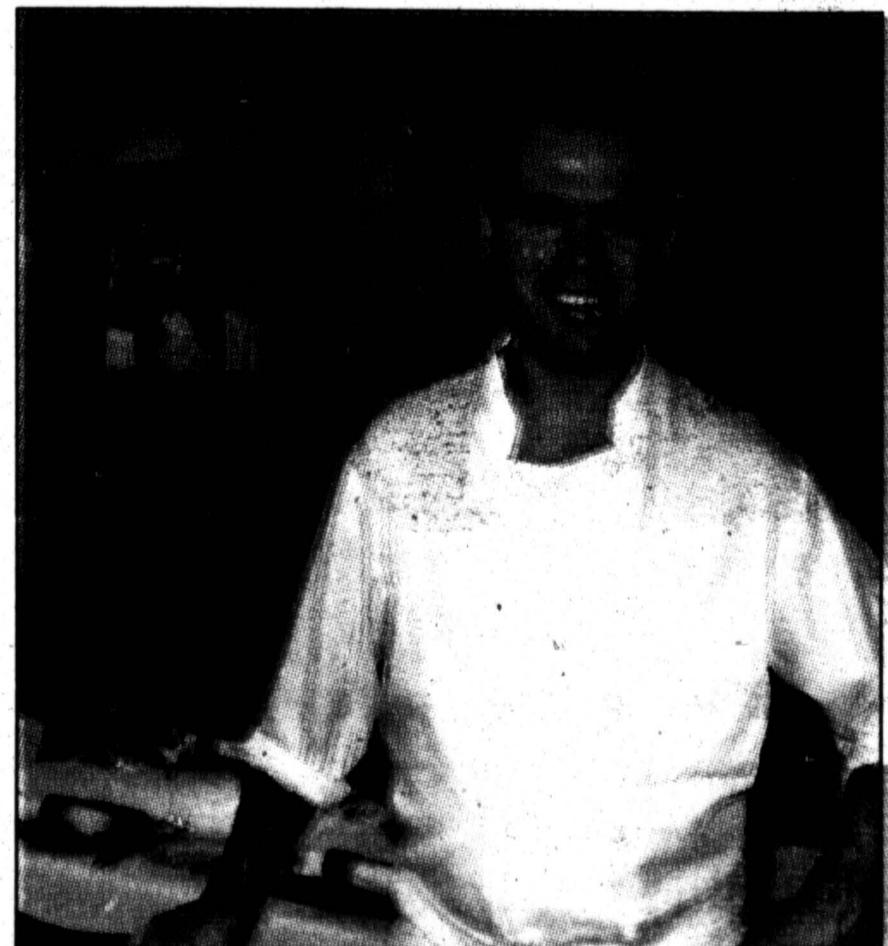
patrons were startled by the fairly pricey cuisine of seemingly scant portions. But those who at first exchanged quizzical glances over their petit dinner stayed to rave about the flavors and textures of Bouchée food. They found that when their taste buds were taken pleasantly by surprise, less was definitely more.

To experience the ultimate in small bites, you have only to visit the restaurant at L'Auberge Carmel on Monte Verde next to city hall. There, the seven-course *dégustation* (tasting) dinner takes diners through dozens of small bites arranged artfully on very small or long, narrow plates, with world class wines paired with each course. It provides a high-end dining experience long to be remembered and discussed with friends. It is definitely a "special occasion" restaurant for anniversaries, birthdays and other celebratory events, Manzke said.

Chef Manzke hit upon this cooking style during his nine-year tenure — the last five as executive chef — at Joaquin

Spichal's much touted Patina Restaurant on Melrose in Hollywood (and later at its new location at the Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles). Clients who returned again

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Chef Walter Manzke at L'Auberge Carmel.



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The Cultural Heart of Carmel-by-the-Sea

FLOWERS

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Gubernick's fascination with wildflowers inspired him in 2002 to publish the book, "Wildflowers of Monterey County," a remarkable collaboration with noted botanical expert Vern Yadon. By taking advantage of a few, simple high-tech tricks, Gubernick is able to present wildflowers at a scale and clarity virtually invisible to the naked eye, and in the process, he manages to create a book that functions as a field guide and a collection of fine art images.

This spring hasn't been kind to wildflower enthusiasts. Despite an abundance of rain, cool and overcast weather has led to one of the most unimpressive blooms in recent memory. But for Gubernick, it's not the quantity of flowers that matter.

On a gray day last week at Garland Ranch Regional Park, Gubernick set up his tripod in a meadow filled with owl's

clover, baby blue eyes and sky lupine.

A good tripod is the one essential prop every wildflower photographer needs, because when a subject is magnified, so is every movement the subject makes. Even the slightest breeze makes a flower jump up and down like a pogo stick.

"I do everything I can to avoid vibrations," explained Gubernick. He said a good tripod can cost from \$250 to more than \$600.

Obviously the quality of a camera plays a role in the quality of a photograph, but the difference is less than you might think.

"The camera almost doesn't matter," Gubernick said.

All that is required is a standard single lens reflex camera. Digital cameras are fine, but rangefinder cameras won't work.

The easiest way for a photographer to achieve magnification is with a macro lens. They don't come cheap — Gubernick suggests a 90-100 mm lens, which he said can cost as much as \$600. He doesn't recommend a 50 mm lens,

which costs considerably less.

Gubernick encourages aspiring wildflower photographers to explore less pricey alternatives to a macro lens.

"There are low-cost ways to achieve magnification," he suggested. "Try working with what you already have."

He said devices such as teleconverters and extension tubes can be placed between a camera's body and its lens, providing excellent results at just a fraction of the cost of a macro lens. Gubernick said it's best to experiment with teleconverters and extension tubes before splurging on a macro lens.

Perhaps as important as having the right technology is having patience.

"You can't just walk up and take a shot," he warned. "Macro work is about slowing things down and paying attention to details."

Ultimately, though, Gubernick's best advice for aspiring wildflower photographers is to keep an open mind.

"There's no one way to photograph a wildflower," he insisted. "It's about your own artistic vision."



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MANZKE

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and again got to know Chef Manzke, and rather than select from the menu, told him, "Just cook for us." He would return to the kitchen and create a little of this, a little of that — all in small portions — to give his followers a special taste treat. When other diners saw these plates delivered to nearby tables, they asked "What about us?"

"I didn't invent this concept of cooking, but it did come about naturally," he said. "It's very structured because of its simplicity. The great restaurants are like that: Keep it simple, and do it right." On a lesser, fast-food level, he whimsically compares it to the kitchen philosophy of In-N-Out Burgers.

Manzke knows whereof he speaks when he refers to the great restaurants. He's worked in many of them for a few days or weeks at a time without pay during his travels, a way of learning referred to by chefs as "stage" in the French sense of the word. He particularly enjoyed doing a short stint at El Boli restaurant on Spain's Costa Brava.

Already this year, he has visited six countries working in this manner — the Philippines, Hong Kong, Germany, Italy, Spain and France. Language is no barrier, he said. "I understand the language of the kitchen."

Participating in charity events gets him around, too. Last year, he traveled to Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York for fundraisers, and he will be participating in the Pinnacles Wine Festival this weekend in the Salinas Valley.

He traveled to Germany for a wine festival in the Rhinegau and to Thailand for the World Gourmet Festival hosted by the Bangkok Four Seasons. Although suffering from jet lag, Chef Manzke did one course for a gala event for 200 people, a demo of four courses for 70 people, and took over one of the hotel restaurants to produce a five-course dinner for 70 people. "It was extremely challenging," he said. He then traveled to Chang Mai in northern Thailand to create the hors d'oeuvres course for a late-afternoon gathering.

How does he manage to get all this traveling in when he is executive chef at two of the Peninsula's finest restaurants?

He has a highly competent and talented staff, and he is gone for very short periods of time.

Also, he finds travel helps de-stress him from the long hours and everyday deadlines of his home kitchens, even though the travel pace may be tiring. New places, new faces, new cooking adventures are all grist for the mill and as such are exhilarating to the young chef. "I love to travel," he said. "And you meet amazing people along the way."

Recently he visited Florence, Milan and Rome, researching menus and dishes at trattorias and restaurants in anticipa-

tion of a new David Fink enterprise: An Italian restaurant to open this summer in the Dolores Street space occupied for years by Toots Lagoon. This will bring the Finks' restaurant ownership in downtown Carmel-by-the-Sea to three, all within a few blocks of one another. "It will have a wood-burning pizza oven, an aging room for salamis, and we'll make fresh pasta daily," Manzke said. "I'm not into fusion cooking, so we'll keep it very simple, rustic and diverse."

The world's restaurants have been his personal culinary academy. Although he studied business administration and restaurant management at Mesa College in his hometown of San Diego, he became more and more interested in what was going on in restaurant kitchens while working his way through school. Although he took some culinary courses at college, for the most part, he learned on the job.

Chef Manzke learned what good cooking was all about from his mother, who grew up in Düsseldorf, Germany. "My

mom is a fantastic cook," he said. And his wife of almost three years, Margarita, is the bread and pastry cook at Bouchée and L'Auberge. They met at Patina and worked together in the kitchen for two years before dating.

Most chefs by necessity have to spend at least 12 hours a day away from their wives, but not Chef Manzke. He and Margarita work in close proximity at both restaurants and travel together frequently. When not on trips or working, they relax at home in The Highlands.

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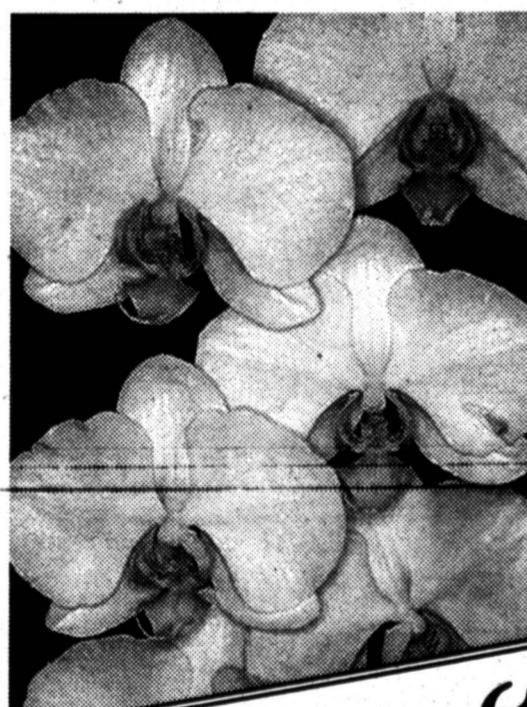
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Sommeliers move to center stage with a less intimidating act

By CHARYN PFEUFFER

BYE-BYE CELEBRITY chefs. The

sommelier is quickly becoming the sex symbol in the restaurant business — and it's partly because the sommeliers themselves have

changed.

Gone are the days of the haughty, tuxedo-clad wine expert with a French accent who would exploit the insecurities (not to mention wallets) of diners who usually knew little more than the "red with meat, white with fish" rule.

"The public is embracing the idea of som-

meliers because they're not stuffy and traditional anymore," says Jannae Nichols-Lizza, the sommelier for Passionfish. Since owners Ted and Cindy Walters opened Passionfish nine years ago, oenomaniacs and fanatic foodies alike have been packing the Pacific Grove seafood establishment. Many have become regulars and some dine at Passionfish several times a month.

But Passionfish has also become a wine-destination restaurant, thanks not only to its well-priced collection of more than 350 eclectic selections, but also to Nichols-Lizza's skill in managing it. And no one exemplifies the new breed of sommelier better than the 30-something-year-old Nichols-Lizza. With her long, blonde hair and friendly, unpretentious manner, she is about as far from the snobbish sommelier stereotype as you can get. Like the best of her peers, she's equal parts academic and educator, salesperson, psychologist and ambassador. "You would turn to an auto mechanic for advice on your car,

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Jannae Nichols-Lizza is one of a new breed of sommeliers — less stuffy and intimidating than their predecessors.

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and the sommelier needs to be knowledgeable and versatile in dealing with many different types of wine," says Nichols-Lizza.

Her beginnings sound nothing like the generic how-I-became-a-sommelier saga. Although she always had an interest in food, her heart was set on becoming a pastry chef. Once she met her now-husband, executive chef Greg Lizza of Fresh Cream in Monterey, she felt one chef in the picture was plenty. She landed a hostess position at Passionfish and, within one month, she was put on the floor and started to learn everything she could about wine.

Inspired by the Walters' encouragement and enthusiasm for wine, Nichols-Lizza took on the task of making the wine program at Passionfish fun and informative for the staff. Laminated maps of wine regions poster the pantry walls. Binders on various varietals and regions make for a mini-library in the wait-staff area. Nichols-Lizza also creates weekly crossword puzzles and lists of questions such as "who, what, where, when, why, how" which encourage the staff to learn more about wines on the restaurant's list.

"Even the dishwashers can tell is a wine is bad," she says.

Right now, she has the entire staff involved in creating an imaginary wine business. Each person plays a part, from purchasing land, to determining best possible topsoil conditions and learn-

ing the science behind winemaking and how to market a final product. "When a server goes to a table to sell a bottle of wine, I want them to understand how much goes into making that final product," she says. The learning experience could go on indefinitely, she adds. "There are endless variables to consider."

She's pushing herself to learn more as well, earning her MS certificate and passing the first stage of the Court of Master Sommeliers education course last summer.

Since restaurants make most of their profits from alcohol, not food, it's surprising how fairly priced Passionfish's 25-page wine list is. The range on a recent list extended from a 2003 Poliziano Rosso de Montepulciano for \$15 to a magnum of 1990 Veuve Clicquot La Grand Dame for \$300. And its cache of nearly 50 different half-bottles enables even a table of two to make appropriate matches with a three-course meal.

"We are giving people such a great value, they don't always trust the prices they see on our list," says Nichols-Lizza. "There's a stigma that if a bottle red is under \$20, it can't be good." Nevertheless, adhering to her boss's "no

Burgundy, no Bordeaux" rule, the restaurant's list has won Wine Spectator's Award of Excellence every year since 1998.

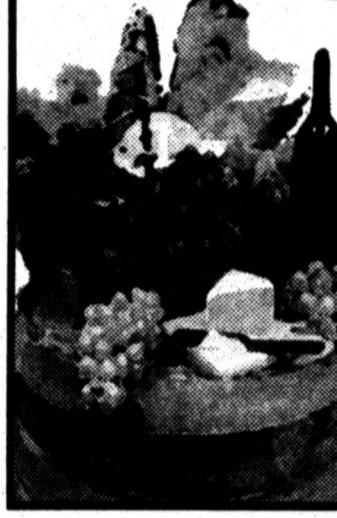
"There's no right or wrong," Nichols-Lizza continues. "If drinking a particular wine gives you pleasure, that's great wine."

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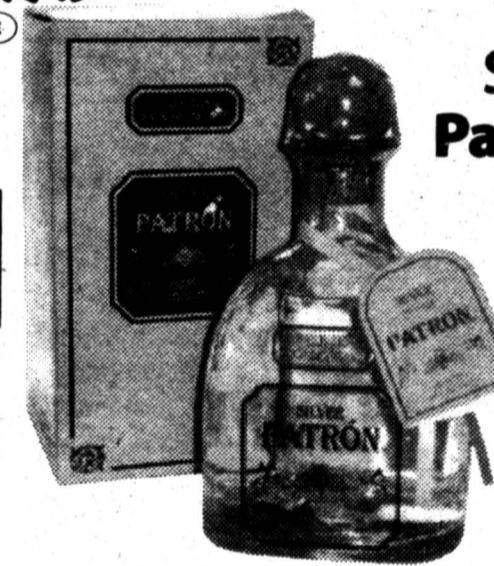
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ABALONE

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beckoned beneath the crystalline waters.

Apparently Kodani did not mention that the water off Point Lobos was a numbing 17 degrees colder than that off Japan. When the first cotton-clad divers set foot in the cove at Point Lobos, they turned around and told Kodani — politely — that the water was too cold and suggested that he send for some helmet divers. When the fully suited helmet divers entered the water off Point Lobos in 1898, they started an industry that eventually revolutionized the economy of the Monterey Peninsula. Though Monterey later became famous for its sardine canneries, some of the earliest canneries on these shores canned abalone harvested by Japanese helmet divers. The earliest successful abalone cannery was the Point Lobos Canning Company owned by A.M. Allan in partnership with Gennosuke Kodani.

Over the next 30 years, while a steady stream of divers commuted back and forth across the Pacific, the two men and their families lived side by side at Point Lobos. Even while the anti-Japanese sentiment swept across California in the teens and 1920s, the Japanese lived in a protective haven at Point Lobos. But Allan and Kodani could not prevent the ever-tightening regulations directed at their business. Finally, the removal of the Japanese from the California coast during World War II effectively ended the Japanese abalone diving industry on the Monterey Peninsula, but the descendants of the two families continue to be close to this day.

In the early 1990s, a team of American and Japanese historians discovered a treasure trove of historic photographs and artifacts in the Kodani home village in Japan, including two rare Point Lobos ceremonial jackets dating from 1899. A Japanese delegation composed of museum officials, historians and diving family descendants is bringing gear, photographs and one of the jackets to Monterey, where it will be displayed in the Monterey Maritime Museum.

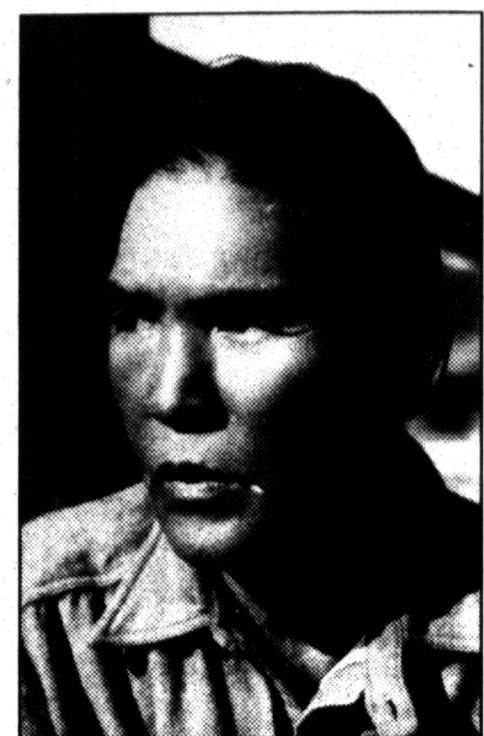
The Abalone Festival will begin with a symposium at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 29, in the Maritime Museum auditorium with presentations by local historians, marine biologists and Japanese abalone experts. The First International Abalone Derby will begin on the Custom House Plaza at noon (Angels Camp has jumping frogs — Monterey will have galloping

abalone!) and there will be bilingual storytellers, an abalone shell contest, historic diving equipment displays and even a contest to see who can hold their breath the longest. The day will conclude at Monterey's historic Golden State Theater, 417 Alvarado St., with a program of history and song beginning at 7 p.m. that will include a series of traditional Japanese songs by the Cabrillo Youth Chorus under the direction of Cheryl Anderson, Choral Music Director, Cabrillo College, and arranged by Stephen Tosh. All events, including admission to the Maritime Museum, will be free.

And in the midst of it all will be the descendants of the two men whose lives were forever entwined around the abalone glistening beneath the clear waters at Point Lobos.

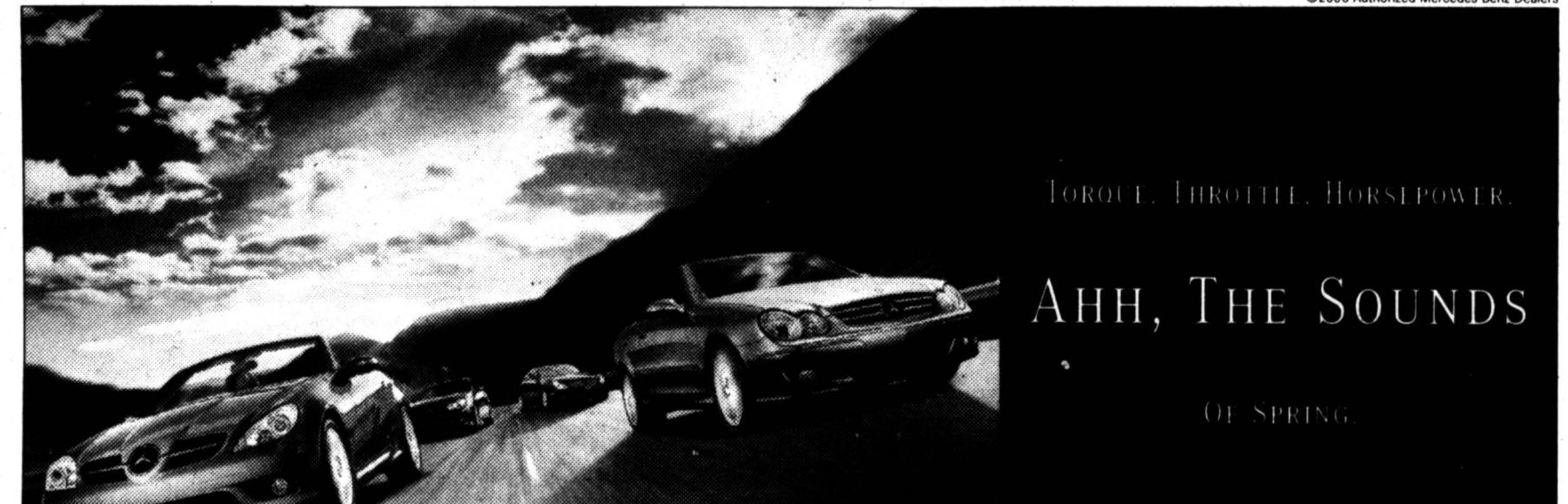
Sandy Lydon, Historian Emeritus at Cabrillo College, is the author of "The Japanese in the Monterey Bay Region," and is co-director of the Abalone Festival 2006.

For more information go to www.pacificcurrents.org.



PHOTOS/COURTESY SANDY LYDON

(Top) Gennosuke Kodani, a Japanese immigrant who, with A.M. Allan, pioneered the modern abalone industry in the eastern Pacific. At Point Lobos (bottom), abalone were so plentiful Kodani could pose in a mound of shells. The Japanese divers were careful to take only adults.



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HISTORIC

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example of Federal Housing Administration moderate-income housing in Carmel," should not be on the historic preservation list, assistant planner Nathan Schmidt recommended.

Homeowners Ko and Margaret Suzuki complained that their home, designed by Carmel firehouse architect Miles Latham in 1937, is one of three in a row on San Carlos Street, but theirs was the only one designated historic. They also criticized Seavey for recommending their home for preservation after conducting only a "windshield survey" of the property.

Board member Paul Coss agreed the home wasn't worthy of mandatory preservation. Nevertheless, he defended the practice of assessing a building's historic value after briefly looking at it from the street as common practice among preservation advocates.

"It's easy to be pejorative about the term," he said, "but it's a legitimate method."

Board chair Julie Wendt said the Suzukis' home was a poor example of any particular architectural genre because it "incorporates aspects of Minimal Traditional and California Ranch styles."

Only Erik Dyar — who argued the firehouse and the home were so different that protecting only the firehouse wouldn't show

enough consideration for Latham's work — voted against granting the Suzukis' appeal.

'What breed is that?'

The board unanimously decided a Guadalupe Street home Dyar called "kind of a mess, architecturally," could be taken off the list.

City records fail to show how old Peter and Janice Taormina's house is, according to Conroy. Documents show it was moved to Guadalupe Street in 1929, remodeled to include a second story in 1941, and damaged by fire and repaired in 1979. And its original owner was Allen Knight, a former councilman, mayor and police commissioner for Carmel. He also built and owned the historically significant "Ship House" next door.

Conroy recommended removing the house from the inventory, since it has been changed so much. He also said the house should not be considered historic just because of its association with Knight.

Bunse said the original house was probably a small Craftsman-style cottage built in the teens or early 1920s, but the 1941 additions "engulfed" it.

"I agree it's lost its integrity due to the additions," board member Erling Lagerholm said. "I like to see a house and say there is an architectural style, but I look at this one and say to myself, 'Gosh, what breed is that?'"

Humble must be saved

Big Sur Land Trust board member and former Monterey Bay Aquarium managing

director Diane Sena told the board she's in favor of preserving historic homes, but describing her 83-year-old Lincoln Street house as "a Craftsman-style bungalow is really a stretch."

In her "heart of hearts," she believes the home doesn't meet the city's criteria for mandatory protection. "At the aquarium, we don't call a minnow a whale or a tree a forest," she said.

Though Seavey's report described the house as unaltered, Sena and her consultant disagreed. Conroy said it didn't matter whether the home had been changed.

"While it clearly adds to the character of the neighborhood and the city," he said, "the bungalow does 'not rise to the level of architectural significance, and for that reason, staff is recommending it be removed' from the city's official list."

Board members were divided. Wendt said the city's historic preservation ordinance singles out "vernacular architecture that contributes to time and place," and said Sena's house "speaks to early Carmel in the '20s. Carmel was very humble."

"I don't have anything against utilitarian or humble buildings," Dyar countered. "But I still think those should have some architectural quality and integrity, and I don't see them in this."

Lagerholm's motion to grant the appeal failed, and subsequently the board voted 3-2 to deny it.

Seavey rebuttal sought

Finally, Jeffery and Jennifer Svhuis challenged Seavey's review of their 81-year-old Craftsman-style home on Junipero Street. While Seavey said the home is historically significant because writers John and Ethel Turner lived there and it's largely unaltered, Bunse argued the Turners did not live in the house during their productive years, and per-

haps not even together. Architect Jeanne Byrne said all but the living room underwent alterations. Schmidt agreed the changes destroyed the home's historic integrity and recommended the board remove it from the inventory.

"These findings seem wildly different," Wendt commented. "Was Kent Seavey consulted for rebuttal?"

He wasn't, and the board unanimously decided to seek his comments before voting on the house's historicity.

Of the 22 appeals the board has heard so far, it has granted 10, denied 10 and continued two. A handful of others have been withdrawn by the property owners or handled administratively.

Pick up after yourself!

THE MONTEREY Regional Waste Management District hopes a new program adopted last week will reduce litter on the Monterey Peninsula.

District staff and board members will travel to local schools in an effort to increase students' awareness of the littering problem. The agency also plans to reward schools that reduce litter on their grounds.

In an effort to get the public more involved in litter removal, the waste management district plans to push for the "adoption" of more sections of local highways. By adopting a stretch of road, the benefactor agrees to keep it clean or pay someone else to do the job.

The agency also wants to remind local residents of its policy requiring loads to be tarped, covered or secured when taken to landfill in Marina.

For more information, call (831) 384-5313 or visit www.mrwmd.org.

Counting is for the birds

THE 13TH Annual "Birdiest County Birdathon" will span 24 hours, from 4 p.m. April 28 to 4 p.m. April 29. Headquartered at The Wild Bird Center at Del Monte Shopping Center, this year's Birdathon offers a chance to celebrate springtime by participating in a county-wide bird species count to raise money for the conservation of wild birds. Sponsored in part by the Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society, area birders will be out in force looking for the most bird species throughout Monterey County.

This year, Birdathon participants will attempt to exceed last year's species count of 250 birds. Individuals from backyard bird watchers and bird feeder friends to teams of birding enthusiasts will seek to identify the most species and possibly even locate that rare bird to add to one's life list.

Proceeds from the Birdathon event will support Ventana Wildlife Society's conser-

vation ecology efforts at its Big Sur Ornithology Lab at Andrew Molera State Park. To register, go to the Wild Bird Center in the Del Monte Center or call (831) 373-1000.

Gallery celebrates sculptor's birthday

THE DAWSON Cole Fine Art gallery will host a benefit exhibit for the Monterey County Boys and Girls Club in celebration of artist Richard MacDonald's 60th birthday. MacDonald will be attending the show's opening reception Saturday, May 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. The gallery is located on San Carlos between Fifth and Sixth. Dozens of sculptures, original drawings, and paintings representing the highlights of MacDonald's career will be on display through June 1. For more information, call (800) 972-5528 or visit www.dawsoncolefineart.com.

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3. AMERICAN KARATE FOR HEALTH & SPIRIT ORGANIZATION, INC. (CALIFORNIA) 224 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, California 93923. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2006. (s) Joseph L. Landenwisch, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 31, 2006. Publication dates: April 17, 2006. (s) Michel Lorach, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 30, 2006. Publication dates: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2006. (PC404)

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW
CASE NUMBER: DR 44387
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
NORBERTO P. NAVA
You are being sued.

PETITIONER'S NAME IS:
GUADALUPE C. ABOYTES

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this **Summons** and **Petition** are served on you to file a **Response** (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.

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If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

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The name and address of the court is:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MONTEREY
1200 Aguaquita Road, Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
GUADALUPE C. ABOYTES
P.O. Box 5053
Salinas, CA 93915
County: Monterey

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual.

Date: March 8, 2005
 (s) Lisa M. Galdos, Clerk
 by Erica Aledo, Deputy
 Publication Dates: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2006. (PC 402)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M78623.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, JOHN PIETRANTONIO, LISA PIETRANTONIO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name:
JOHN CHRISTOPHER PIETRANTONIO

Proposed name:
JOHN CHRISTOPHER PIETRO

B. Present name:
LISA CAROLYN PIETRANTONIO

Proposed name:
LISA CAROLYN PIETRO

C. Present name:
JACK DARRAH PIETRANTONIO

Proposed name:
JACK DARRAH PIETRO

D. Present name:
JESSICA MARGARET PIETRANTONIO

Proposed name:
JESSICA MARGARET PIETRO

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
 DATE: May 19, 2006
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
 DEPT: Civil

The address of the court is 1200 Aguaquita Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Robert O'Farrell
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Date filed: March 30, 2006.
 Clerk: Lisa M. Galdos

Publication dates: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2006. (PC403)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20060883. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PACIFIC COAST CARE CENTER**, 720 E. Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901. **PACIFIC COAST CARE CENTER, LLC**, 680 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40202. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2006. (s) Joseph L. Landenwisch, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 31, 2006. Publication dates: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2006. (PC406)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20060891. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **TABOGOS, INC.**, 19045 Portola Dr. #G, Salinas, CA 93908. **TABOGOS, INC.**, Nevada. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 4, 2006. (s) Ben Gacayan, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 4, 2006. Publication dates: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2006. (PC407)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M78744.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, SU RUI LIN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name:

SU RUI LIN

Proposed name:

PATRICIA SURIU LIN

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING:

DATE: June 2, 2006

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

DEPT:

The address of the court is 1200 Aguaquita Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Michael S. Fields
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Date filed: April 4, 2006.
 Clerk: Lisa M. Galdos
 Deputy: C. Williams

Publication dates: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2006. (PC408)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20060939. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CENTER IMT MONTEREY**, 516 Forest Ave., #150, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. **CENTER IMT, INC.**, 800 Cottage Grove Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 14, 2006. (s) Kathryn S. Nuis, Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 7, 2006. Publication dates: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2006. (PC409)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M78511.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, JOANNA ERICA CRUCE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name:

JOANNA ERICA CRUCE

Proposed name:

JOANNA JESSICA ELIZABETH CHARLES

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING:

DATE: May 12, 2006

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

DEPT: Civil

The address of the court is 1200 Aguaquita Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Robert O'Farrell
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Date filed: March 23, 2006.
 Clerk: Lisa M. Galdos
 Deputy: R. Rodriguez

Publication dates: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2006. (PC410)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20060926. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CASUAL MALE XL**, Northridge Mall, 776 Northridge Mall, Salinas, CA 93906. **CASUAL MALE STORE, LLC**, 555 Turnpike Street, Canton MA 02021. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2006. (s) Dennis R. Hernreich, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 23, 2006. (s) Edith Ellen Saxby. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 27, 2006. Publication dates: April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 2006. (PC421)

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW
CASE NUMBER: DR 44315
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
ELIZABETH D. SONNIER
You are being sued.

PETITIONER'S NAME IS:

MICHAEL L. SONNIER

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this **Summons** and **Petition** are served on you to file a **Response** (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.

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was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 5, 2006. Publication dates: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2006. (PC411)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20060697. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CMR CONSTRUCTION**, 231 Mortimer Ln., Marina, CA 93933. **JAMES F. YATES**, 231 Mortimer Ln., Marina, CA 93933. **PATRICIA S. YATES**, 231 Mortimer Ln., Marina, CA 93933. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 14, 2006. (s) Patricia L. Sonnier. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 14, 2006. Publication dates: April 21, 28, May 5, 2006. (PC412)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF URSSULA SWIGART
Case Number MP 18057

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **URSSULA SWIGART**.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE

has been filed by **WILLIAM SWIGART** in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that **WILLIAM SWIGART** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.

Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held on in this court as follows:

Date: May 12, 2006

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Dept: Probate

Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguaquita Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a **Request for Special Notice** (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A **Request for Special Notice** is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:

THOMAS HART HAWLEY, HAWLEY & LLEWELLYN, P.O. Box 805 (San Carlos bet. 7 & 8) Carmel, California 93921 (831) 624-5339.

(s) Thomas Hart Hawley, Attorney for Petitioner.

Clerk: Lisa M. Galdos

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 11, 2006.

Publication dates: April 21, 28, May 5, 2006. (PC413)

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW

CASE NUMBER: DR 44315

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:

Commission okays short-term Palo Corona access plan

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE MONTEREY County Planning Commission this week unanimously approved a temporary plan by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District to allow hikers limited but unguided access to the new Palo Corona Regional Park by reservation only starting this summer. The plan will open 680 of the new park's 4,300 acres to the public.

"I'm hoping for a June opening," said Joe Donofrio, park district general manager. "The community is very interested in getting up there, and we're excited about getting them up there."

"Up there" refers to Inspiration Point, a prominent vista offering sweeping views of Point Lobos, Carmel, Pebble Beach and Carmel Valley. A moderately steep two-mile ranch road leads to the point, which promises to be a popular picnic spot for generations to come.

The ranch was purchased by the park dis-

trict in a complex transaction that began in 2002 and was completed two years later. The total purchase price of \$37 million was funded with local, state and federal tax dollars. The Coastal Conservancy, a state agency which provided \$9 million in taxpayer funds and a \$3.2 million loan to purchase the 680-acre Front Ranch section of the park, requested the property be made accessible to the public as soon as possible.

Once the interim plan goes into effect, just 13 parking passes will be issued each day. Visitors will park along Highway 1, just outside the property's front gate, which is located about 500 feet south of the Carmel River Bridge.

The interim access plan will expire in five years. At that time, the park district plans to submit a long-term access plan to the county.

The park district is offering monthly guided hikes of the property. Call (831) 372-3196, ext. 3 for dates and reservations. For more information about the park district, visit www.mprpd.org.

revenue neutrality negotiations have to conclude — something McKenna said appears to be imminent. The Board of Supervisors could approve the revenue agreement with incorporation proponents as early as May 16. Other benchmarks include: Review of the fiscal study by the public and possibly by the state controller's office, finalization of environmental review, execution of an indemnification agreement between LAFCO and proponents and distribution of the LAFCO executive officer's report on whether incorporation is feasible. There will also be numerous public hearings.

Perhaps most important, LAFCO will have to determine the boundaries for the proposed city, taking into account neighborhood comments, the city's fiscal needs, and other factors.

Also at the April 24 meeting, the commission's staff announced the application process to fill two vacancies on the LAFCO board for public representatives. Qualified candidates can not be an officer or employee of the county, or any city or district in the county. The deadline for submitting a letter of interest and resume is May 19.

Robinson, though, said proponents aren't responsible for the lengthy delays in the incorporation process.

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RANCH

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oping a trail and parking plan. Meanwhile, hikers will be able to access two routes each Saturday morning.

The first and more strenuous of the two routes follows an existing ranch road but is "not for the faint of heart," according to forest service spokesperson Nicole Karres.

Leading hikers to awe-inspiring vantage points, the four-mile loop offers panoramic views of the Big Sur backcountry and coastline. To the east, landmarks such as Skimmers Ridge, Bixby Mountain, Pico Blanco and Post Summit come into view as hikers ascend Serra Hill. To the southwest, Point Sur and its historic lighthouse stand as a beacon on the horizon. To the northwest, Highway 1 snakes along the edge of a continent as it twists and turns its way from

Hurricane Point to distant Pebble Beach.

A second, less strenuous hike also follows an existing ranch road. The two-mile route leads to a prominent vista, offering a dizzying, bird's-eye view of the most famous of Big Sur's engineering marvels, Bixby Bridge.

Karres said the hikes present a rare opportunity to visit a truly remarkable property.

"The views are incredible," Karres beamed. "There's such a rich history here. And it's a cornucopia of botanical wonders."

Both hikes start at 10:15 a.m. The front gate to the ranch, the first left turn south of Bixby Bridge on Highway 1, will open at 10 a.m. Guests are encouraged to bring water, snacks, warm clothing and sturdy walking shoes. Poison oak is present, so long pants may also be appropriate. Reservations are not required. For more information, call (831) 385-5434.



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One of Brazil Ranch's trails offers a view of the Bixby Creek Bridge from the Southeast — a view that has not been seen before by the public.

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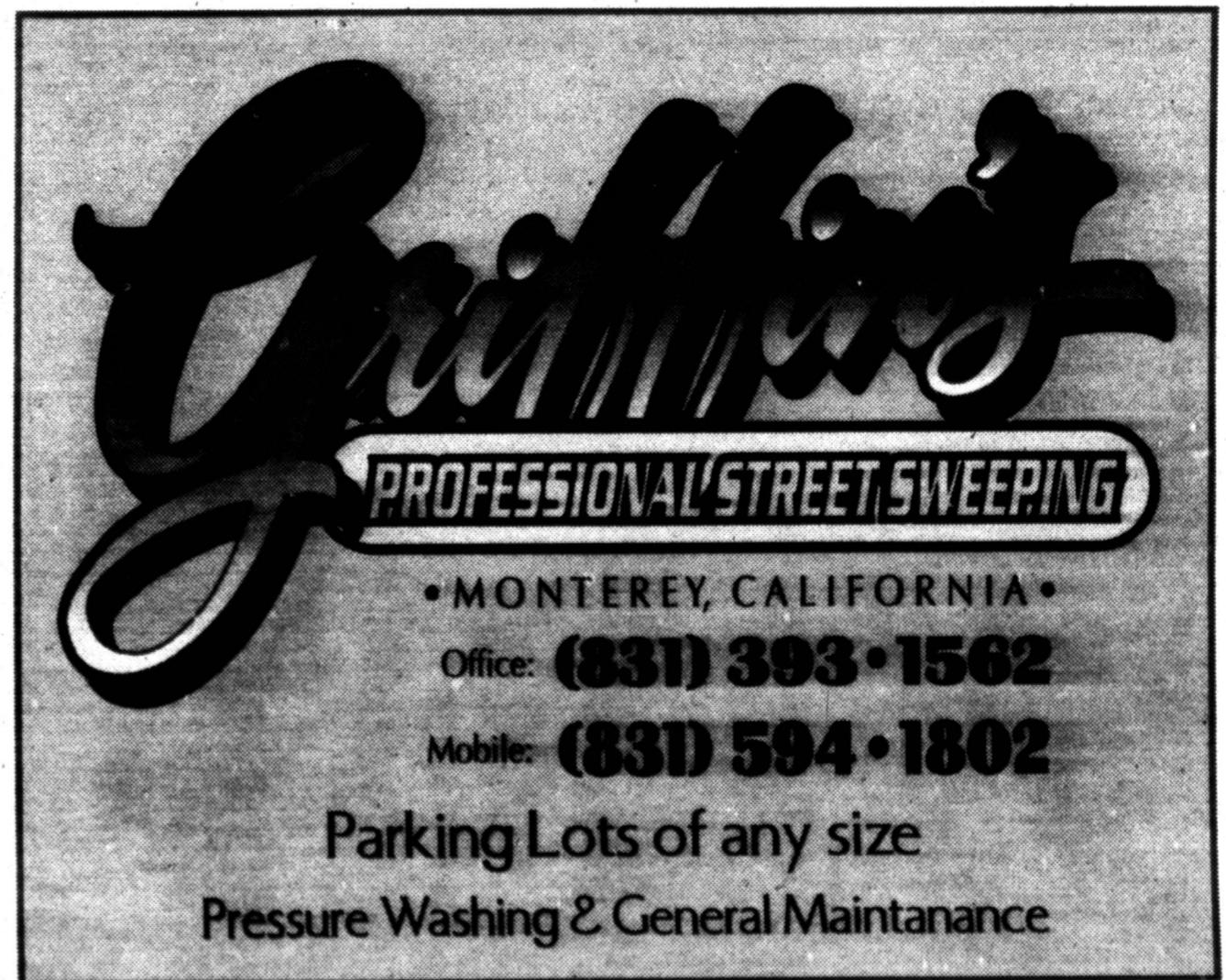
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OPINION

Editorial

Who's pulling the strings?

A LITTLE more than a year ago, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board suddenly announced that storm runoff would no longer be permitted to flow to the sea along the Monterey Peninsula and much of the state's coastline.

Henceforth, when rain falls on Carmel, Monterey, Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach, among other places, all the water (and it can be quite a lot) will have to be captured and treated before it can be allowed to return to the ocean, the board abruptly decided.

This very surprising announcement has been little noticed by the big city news media and, therefore, by the public. Even less attention has been paid to what are obviously very important questions: How can any small town afford the colossal expense of installing a set of large catchbasins, pipelines and pumps capable of collecting such a tremendous volume of water and diverting it to the local sewage treatment plant? And what if the treatment plant itself needs to be expanded? As the RWQCB readies itself to impose a deadline for the end of storm runoff, hardly anybody is paying attention.

Similarly, out of the blue sky last winter the California State Lands Commission raised the idea of eliminating the use of ocean water as a coolant at many of California's power plants. And after just a few brief public hearings, the commission adopted the plan. Presto! Tens of millions of dollars will have to be spent erecting cooling towers at more than a dozen power generating stations up and down the state — money that will quickly be added to electricity bills in various jurisdictions.

Of course, the ocean environment will be slightly better off when these measures have been fully implemented. But with much of the world still simply dumping its untreated sewage into the nearest watercourse, it is hard to see how eliminating runoff from, say, the yards and roads of Pebble Beach can be worth the expense. Even the billions of gallons of warm water discharged from California power plants can hardly be considered an environmental hazard compared to what continually flows downhill from Dacca, Bangkok and Kinshasa and dozens of other densely populated cities. If they want to make a truly significant contribution to the health of the world's oceans, Californians could offer to build a basic sewage treatment plant for just one of these teeming places. But the idea has not been raised.

There are several other equally interesting questions that have also been ignored: Was it a coincidence that these two radical and very costly steps were proposed at almost the same time? Who is pulling the strings on this issue? And how do we stop him?

BATES



"We want to buy a painting. I brought my swatches."

Letters to the Editor

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Slow the state's growth
Dear Editor,

Our democracy's survival is based upon an educated populace, respect for law, concern for the common good and a uniting language. Yet recent immigration threatens all.

Once best in the nation, California's K-12 schools fell to 48th, coinciding with the influx of almost 2.5 million children of immigrants since 1982. Today, only 21 percent of fourth graders are proficient in reading. A continued influx hurts the common good of all young students, including the 47 percent of K-12.

Consider the impact on smog, gridlock

and dependence on foreign oil when 1,200 cars are added daily to our highways because of immigrants and their offspring.

Respect for the law is flouted by both those who hire and those who come here illegally — the latter now claiming the power to overturn our laws based on the simple fact that they are here.

The California Department of Finance projects that, based on current trends, California will grow from 34 million in 2000 to 55 million in 2050. Hispanics would add 18 million.

In 1993, then-Senator Art Torres, now chair of California Democrats, said he would even support a moratorium on legal immigration because of the "drain on our economic and physical resources in the State of California." If you are among the majority of Americans pessimistic about endless growth, contact Congress now — www.slowcaliforniagrowth.com tells how.

Maggie Art,
Carmel

'Defies logic'
Dear Editor,

Regarding last week's Pine Cone story on my pending lawsuit of \$475,000 against the City of Pacific Grove, allow me to clarify my perspective.

As a citizen of this community for over 40

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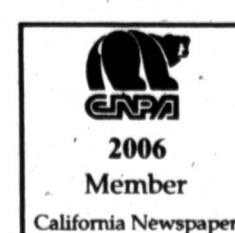
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years, I see two most pressing issues today. Number one is water and number two is affordable housing. It's crazy enough for a private citizen to have to secure water by his own effort and expense, let alone force him to sue later for its release, as I have done, especially when the whole "water shortage" is a sham. As long as we are washing our cars with drinking water and abusing the supply in countless ways, we don't have a water shortage. Our leaders just won't embrace any of the many solutions. Remember when Rancho San Carlos could have been purchased for some \$70 million, a fraction of the cost of a dam? There is enough water on the 20,000-acre ranch to eliminate the Carmel Valley overdraft and supply additional water for the people who have waited for 16 YEARS to build or remodel their homes. And Rancho San Carlos would have become a 20,000-acre public park. But that would have required leaders with vision.

In 1995, the City of Pacific Grove tried to force builders to conserve water by limiting the number of fixtures allowed in a new house to 18.4 "fixture units." Neither Seaside, Carmel, Pebble Beach, Carmel Valley nor Del Rey Oaks has any such restriction. Don't get me wrong — I think limitations are merited, to distribute the available water to the most families possible. That's what I did with my project: I conserved enough water to build two modest homes on two existing lots, as well as provide one small affordable unit. And what was the city's response? They said I can't use my extra water, which eliminates a home for one family and an affordable home for someone less fortunate. Guess who gets the extra water I bought six years ago? The city says it will stay in the "community reserve" but that it can't be used on any other property, ever.

The last thing I wanted to do was sue the City of Pacific Grove, wherein the citizens pay the price for the wrong position taken by a few council members. At this point I see no other reasonable alternative but to sue.

The whole fiasco simply defies logic.

Larry Scholink,
Carmel Valley

Rippling River 'in peril'

Dear Editor

Rippling River, the longtime home for frail, elderly and handicapped residents of Carmel Valley, is still in serious peril.

The Monterey County Housing Authority claims it is ready to start rehabilitation May 12, and it may be, but at what cost? We fear this may be a ruse to displace the disabled residents so that the property can be sold. Consider these issues:

1. As recently as February the community was told that the total project cost was \$12 million, but in March they learned the project cost was now \$22 million. No additional rehabilitation is taking place. All this expense for a project that was estimated to cost only \$2.8 million by both the Army Corps of Engineers and a private engineer retained by the residents.

2. Some of the additional cost, as explained by the housing authority, comes from shifting ownership of the property (which it gets for free from the Department of Housing and Urban Development) from one limited liability corporation controlled by the housing authority to a different LLC controlled by the housing authority. For the privilege of executing this shell game, along with overseeing rehabilitation of the property, whose deterioration the housing authority was responsible for in the first place, it pays itself \$1.7 million in developer fees.

3. This does not include \$360,000 of additional tax-credit financing they could earn, and \$250,000 annually in surplus rental income. After 10 years there could be a \$3 million cash contingency not accounted for in the housing authority's financial plan.

4. In numerous meetings with residents and Monterey County Board of

Supervisors, the housing authority repeatedly said that Rippling River would remain available for the frail, elderly and handicapped as set forth in original HUD documents establishing Rippling River. In the documents prepared by the housing authority to obtain their bond funding, it refuses to restrict future residency to the frail, elderly and handicapped. Why?

5. Rippling River was to be maintained 100 percent for low-income residents. Documents for the bonds stipulate only 40 percent and increase rent limits beyond what most current residents will be able to afford.

6. Rippling River should remain affordable for residents in perpetuity or, at least, for 55 years as required by HUD. The housing authority is attempting to allow affordability to be dropped once the bonds are paid off.

These are only some of the complex issues affecting the future of Rippling River. The housing authority always puts a positive spin on progress, yet it fails to mention the consequences of what it is doing may end up displacing all the low-income, frail and handicapped residents of Rippling River. What a shame for our community.

Joe Hertlein, Carmel Valley

Editor's note: The next public hearing on Rippling River is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the May 2 meeting of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.

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By Margot Petit Nickols

BRAMBLE McCALL, 8, a black Lab/Australian shepherd mix, is happiest when at the beach retrieving sticks of miniature log proportions. She comes to Carmel Beach about once every two weeks and plays on Asilomar Beach every other day. She lives in Monterey with Mom Lisa, Dad Jason and little brother Oliver.

Oliver, only 2 weeks old, is still something of a puzzlement to Bramble. When Mom and Oliver returned from the hospital, Bramble went on a hunger strike for four days, then renounced that in favor of good sense and delicious kibble. Now she looks at Oliver's rosebud mouth when he's sleeping, and sniffs his baby-scented head. She wonders when Oliver is going home.

Mom Lisa has had the pleasure of Bramble's company since Bramble was only 6 weeks old. She thinks perhaps Bramble was taken from her mommy too soon, because to this day, she likes to suck on an old blanket and one of Mom Lisa's discarded sweaters.

A strong swimmer, indefatigable mini-log retriever and exceptional at agility training, Bramble is sharp as a tack and loves her family circle. She has two beds — one at the foot of Mom and Dad's bed, and one in the living room. But having honored-dog status, she knows she's allowed to sit anywhere she likes.

Once, when Mom and Bramble were out for a stroll, Bramble darted off to investigate a new building site. Mom heard her crashing around in the surrounding undergrowth, from which she emerged with a glove. She gave it to Mom and then went exploring again. This time she came back with a brush. The third time she disappeared, she returned with a potato chip bag over her head and eyes. Mom removed it, much to Bramble's relief.

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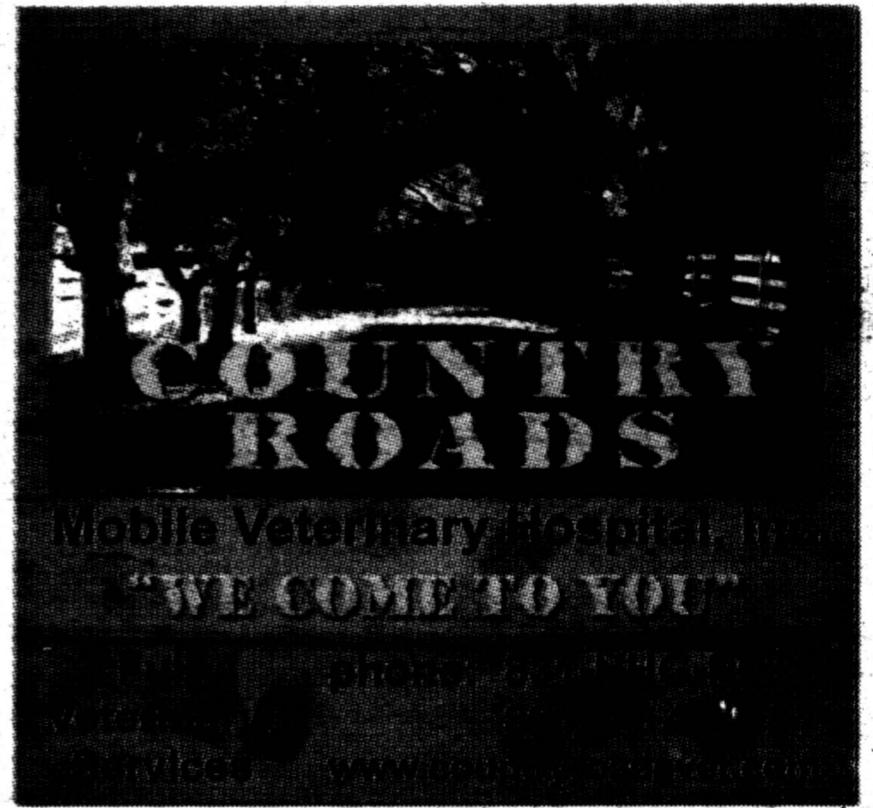
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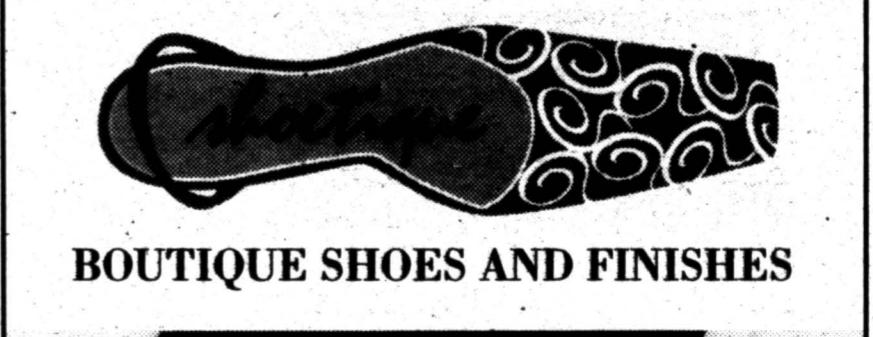
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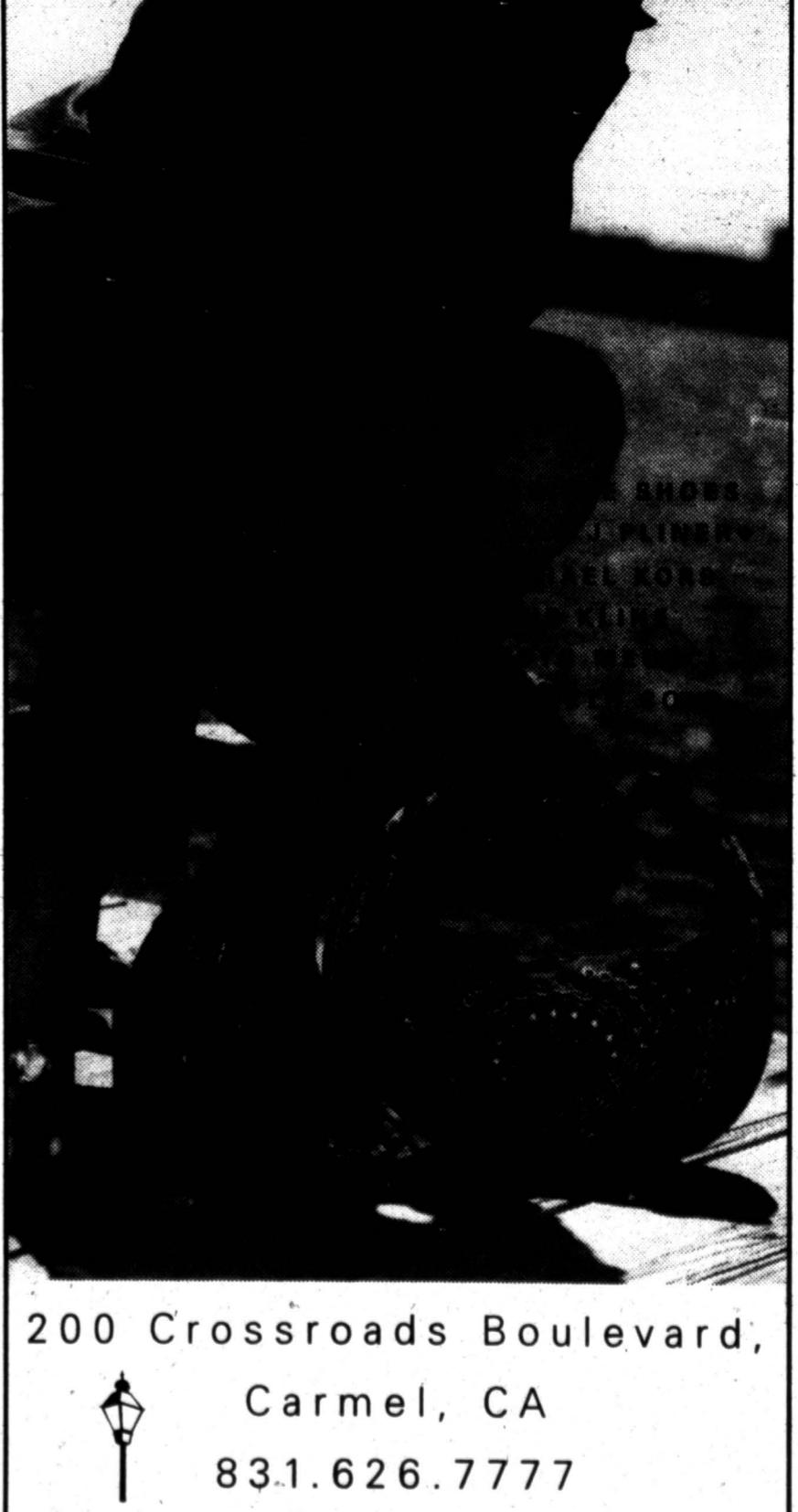
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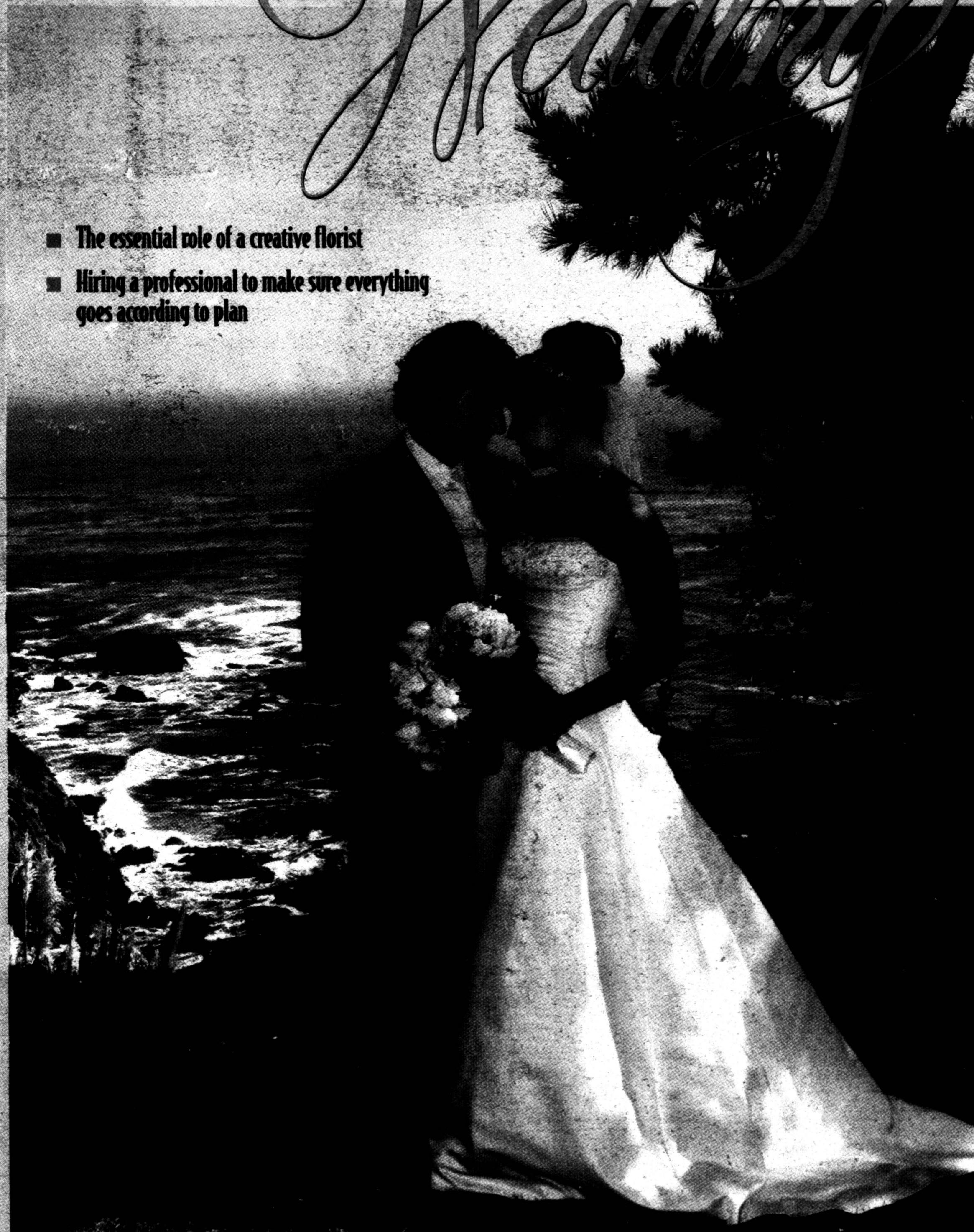


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- The essential role of a creative florist
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A florist who can make your perfect day even better

By CHARYN PFEUFFER

FLOWERS HAVE been an integral part of weddings and other celebrations since ancient times. So deeply rooted is the tradition, nowadays it is hard to imagine a wedding without flowers in a strong supporting role to the bride and groom.

Kim England of Fleurs du Soleil in downtown Monterey has been making stunning floral creations for brides-to-be since 1992. She has done weddings at luxurious local venues such as Bernardus, The Post Ranch Inn, Pasadera, Stonepine, The Holly Farm and The Ventana Inn and her meticulous designs have graced the pages of *Bon Appetit*, *In Style Weddings*, *Carmel Bride* and *The Knot*.

Right now, England is gearing up for her busiest time of the year — May to November. Although most clients book her services at least six months in advance, the laid-back blond adds that she's been known to make wedding magic happen with as little as two weeks notice.

Although the weddings she does are mostly local, she's done events as far north as Morgan Hill and quips about her desire to do weddings in tropical locales such as Hawaii or Fiji. Looking at her brightly painted pink toenails and platform wedge flip-flops, I know she

isn't kidding.

The Monterey Peninsula native graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a B.A. in history and the intention of studying law. But after doing flowers for her sister's wedding, England decided to pursue her long-standing passion for floral design. She went to Paris for an apprenticeship and returned to the states to open her own flower shop. What started as a small business in her garage flourished and she moved into her funky Pearl Street digs six years ago. More bohemian artist's studio than standard FTD flower shop, her space is an airy haven for creativity. One wall is carefully lined with shelves of vases, containers and arts-and-crafts accoutrements. Hip music rocks in the background. England's conversation lilt between English and French, depending upon the vendor who pops through the front door — there is a constant influx and they are all bearing buckets of brightly colored stems. Brilliant orange and yellow protea from Aptos were especially eye-catching. England and her small full-time staff of four are clearly having fun — one can only imagine how much it intensifies when she signs on up to 15 temporary staff to handle the demands of decorating several weddings simultaneously.

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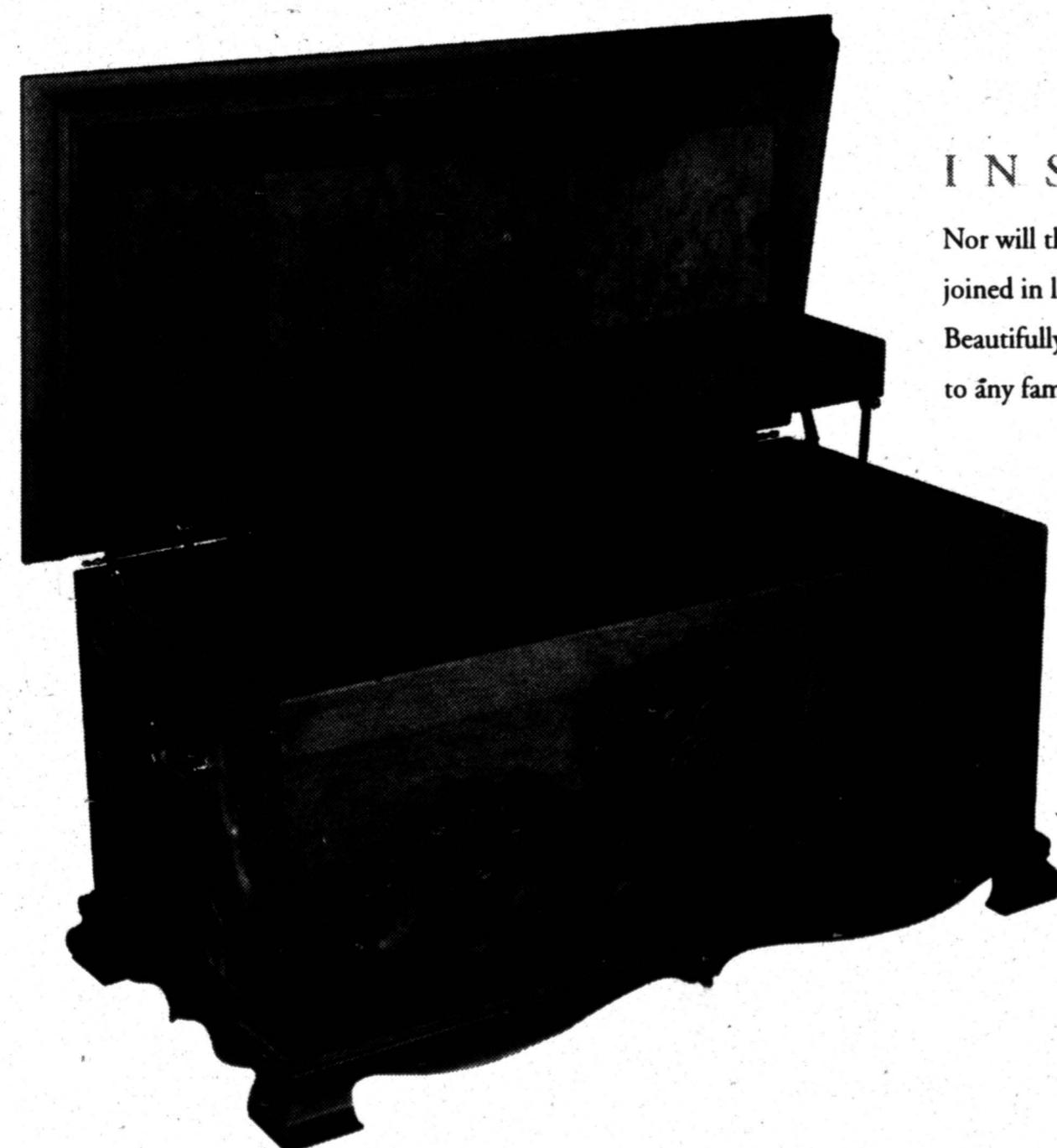
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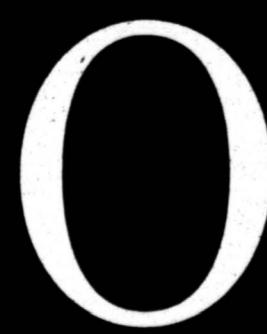
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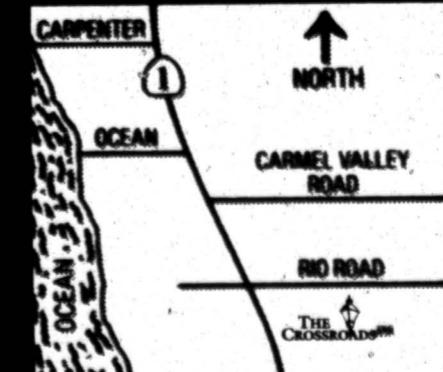
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FLOWERS

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during the busy season.

For most weddings, cut flowers are ordered one week in advance from vendors as near as Watsonville and the San Francisco Flower Mart and as far as Holland. By Wednesday, everything needed for the weekend has been delivered, and the maddening process of arranging has begun. By Saturday morning, everything is ready to go. Same-day work is just quick-fixes, refreshing and responding to last-minute changes. Flexibility helps make it all flow and England says she is good under pressure — an essential quality for dealing with nervous brides.

What's hot right now

According to England and her staff, 21st-Century brides are going for a simple, slightly modern feel when it comes to flowers. "The floral arrangements they want are almost architectural in a way," says England's assistant, Michelle. England chimed in that they are definitely not your typical mixed bouquet garden-fare, but more edgy. Lots of succulents mixed with flowers.

England's distinctive designs typically feature bold contrasting colors, lots of corals and hot pinks, which create a striking statement. The signature Kate Spade pink, brown, lime-green color combo is still hanging on from last sea-

son. More and more brides are adding lighting elements to their floral designs, says England. "I encourage hanging candles and lanterns — they add so much drama to the mood of an evening wedding."

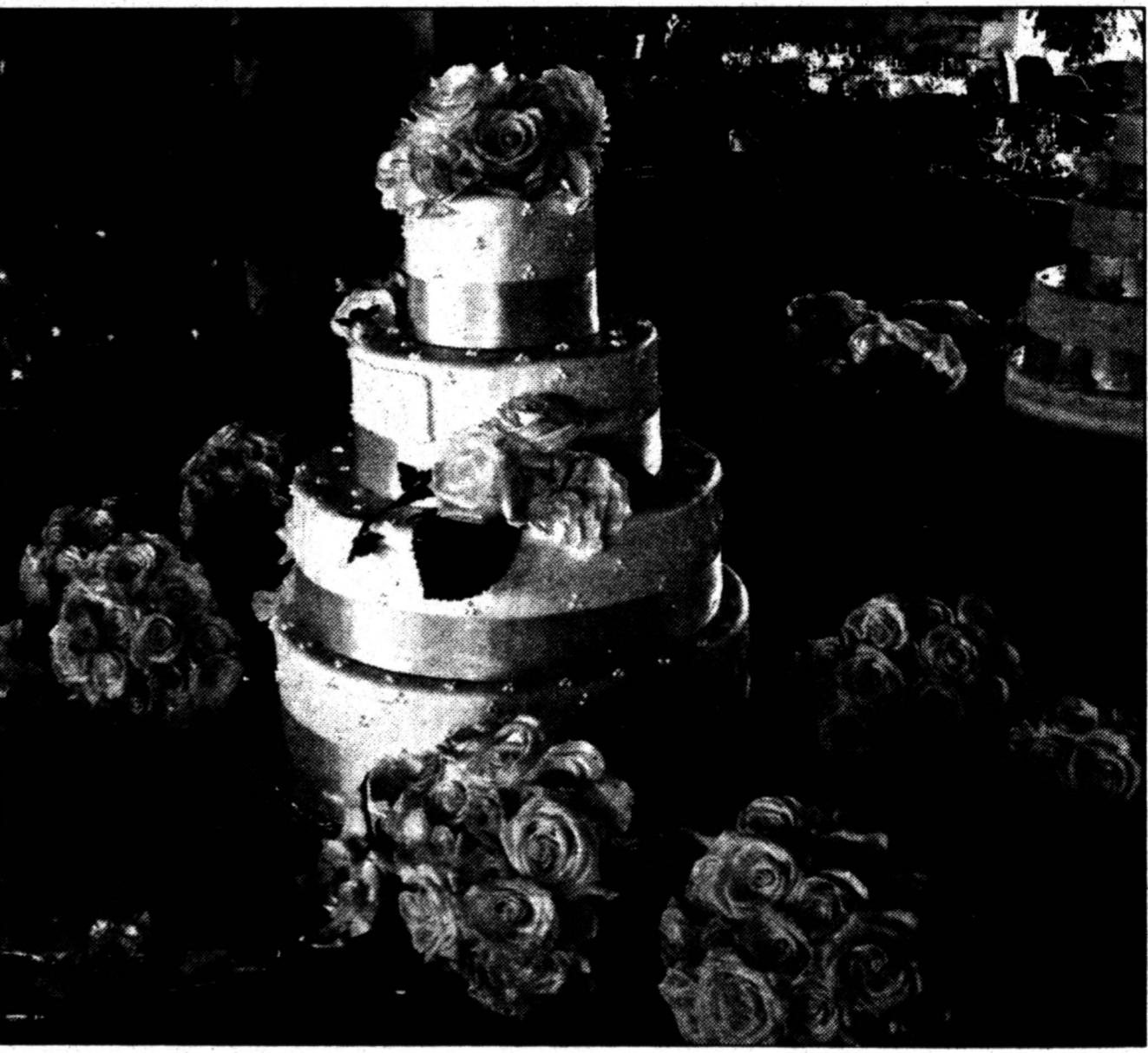
Budgeting right

Because you are paying for the florist's creativity, experience, reliability, "look" and quality of final product, the cost of flowers for a wedding often comes as a shock. England has done weddings for 14 people where flower costs have exceeded \$12,000, as well as weddings for 100 people where flowers cost \$3,000. Florists are often involved in providing all the décor for a wedding, so keep in mind that extras charges for draping, fabrics, custom props, lights, pillars, unusual vases, etc. can add up.

How to save on costs

A good way to cut back on floral expenses is to choose flowers that will be in season at the time of your wedding. Flower prices always skyrocket around certain times of the year, such as Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Christmas, so keep this in mind when choosing a date. Ask your florist what other options there are if your favored

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flowers are going to be scarce when you need them.

Making your bouquet work for you

Since the bride's bouquet is an A-list accessory to her overall look, it should coordinate with the style of her ensemble and be easy to manage. Bouquets can be heavy, so be careful not to try to hold them up high. (When holding your bouquet, your forearms should rest on top of your hipbones.) If you want to

keep your flowers, ask the florist to make up a smaller spray to throw at the reception. And if you plan to wear flowers in your hair as well, it is necessary to figure out the various options in advance with both your hairstylist and your florist. When discussing your hairstyle with your hairdresser, consider whether it will accommodate the type of flowers you would like to wear and how it will work with a veil, if you are opting to wear one.



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If a young child is to have flowers added to her hair, make sure she'll cooperate with the preparations involved.



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Bridal party flowers and corsages

Traditionally, while the bride and bridesmaids carry bouquets, the most important men at the wedding wear boutonnieres (groom, best men, fathers of the bride and groom, grandfathers, and any other speechmakers).

The leading ladies in attendance (mothers of the bride and groom, grandmothers, speechmakers, etc.) usually receive corsages.

England is especially fond of simple wrist corsages because they don't interfere with the women's dresses, and she thinks they are cool.

Flower girls

When it comes to the kiddies, the options for flowers are only limited by your imagination. England encourages brides to think beyond the standard basket of rose petals, and consider floral purses, magic wands, and kissing balls. If you're considering adorning the flower girl's hair with flowers, make sure the child isn't going to throw a fit having their hair fussed with (it happens). An easy, less-intrusive alternative is to have flowers attached to a clip and then placed in the hair.

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Think outside the bunch

Beyond the tried-and-true uses for wedding flowers — room and table décor and corsages — flowers can be incorporated in several nontraditional ways. For example:

- ◆ Welcome gifts or in-room bouquets for out-of-town guests and members of the bridal parties
- ◆ Thank you gifts for those folks who make the bride and groom's day special
- ◆ Rehearsal dinner and wedding brunch décor
- ◆ Decorations for the wedding transportation
- ◆ Floating arrangements for ponds or pools

To present the rings, England has created shells with ribbons, small boxes adorned with leaves and ribbons intertwined with flowers in lieu of the usual ring-bearing pillow.

the date, time and place for your wedding and reception. If you aren't familiar with the florists in your area, ask for recommendations from other brides, reception halls or churches.

2. Look through bridal books, magazines and floral guides. Sketch ideas, cut out pictures or take photographs of flowers you like and share them with your florist. England recommends *In Style Weddings*, *Martha Stewart Weddings*, *Town & Country*, *Pacific Rim Weddings* and *grace ormonde* for inspiration. "Magazines change each month, so they are a constant source of ideas," she says. Seeing your ideas and personal style will help your florist translate your concepts and special requests into workable floral designs and arrangements that are just right for you.

3. It will be helpful if you know the colors and style of the gowns you and your bridesmaids will be wearing. Bring pictures of your gown and the bridesmaids' dresses, along with swatches of fabric if you have them available. What is "pink" to some may be "fuchsia" to others, so it's best to be clear on colors.

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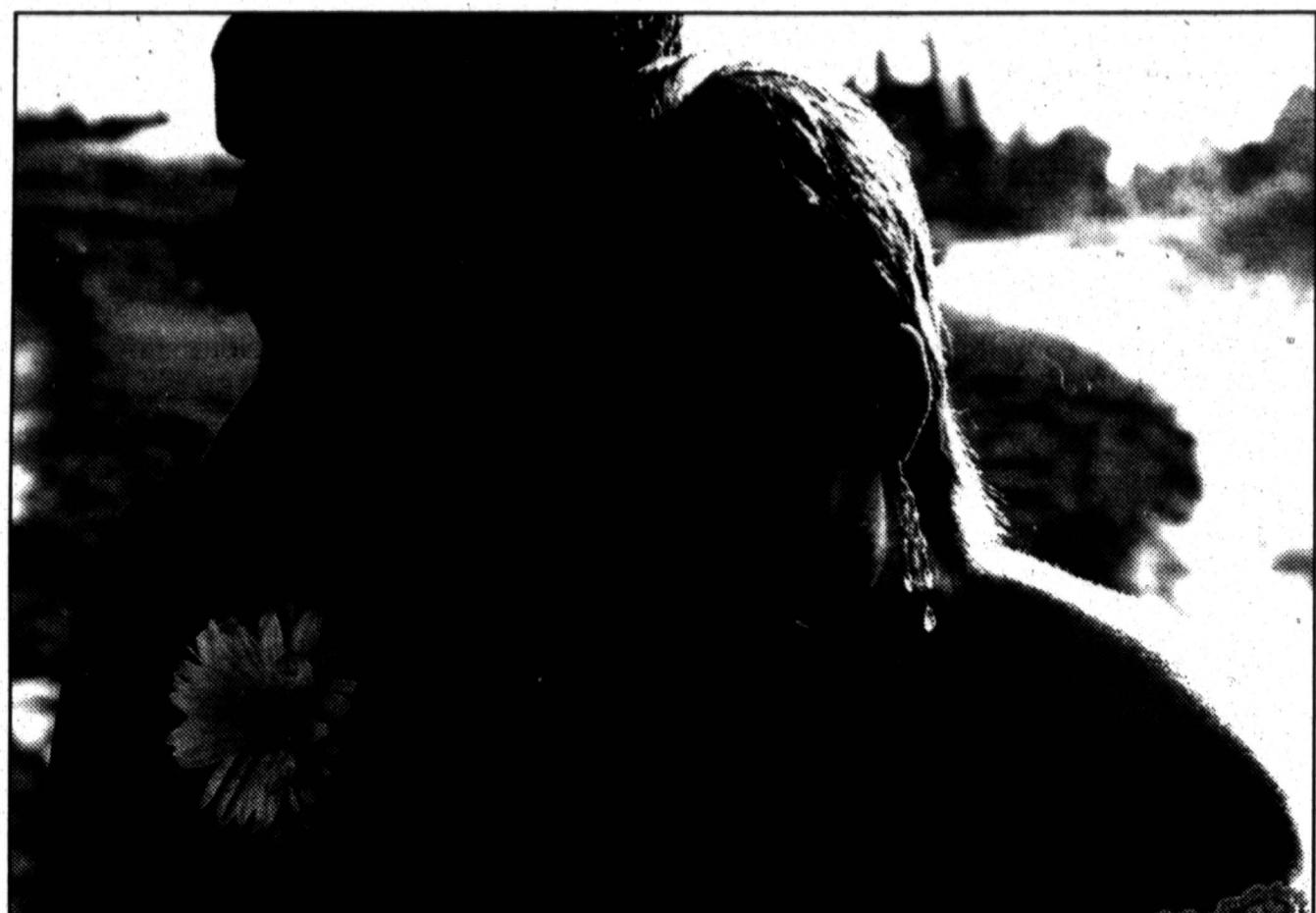
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Here are some tips to make the flower-choosing process easier for everyone involved:

1. Select a florist as soon as you've set



The smiles on the faces of these just-married couples at the Carmel Mission (above), Carmel River State Beach (top) and the foot of Ocean Avenue (right) show how wonderful a wedding day can be, especially if it is planned down to the last detail.



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4. During your initial consultation with your florist, discuss specific design ideas that fit both your personal style and budget. Make arrangements for your florist to visit both the ceremony and reception sites.

When consulting with your florist, be sure to ask the following questions:

- ◆ What are the current bridal styles and how do you see them being used in my wedding?
- ◆ What flowers will be in season at the time of my wedding?
- ◆ What flowers will be available that

will suit my budget and color preferences?

- ◆ Do you have pictures of arrangements from other weddings you've done at my wedding ceremony/reception site? What size, shape and colors work best at my ceremony/reception site?

- ◆ Will there be sufficient staff to design the arrangements for my wedding and have them delivered on time?

- ◆ How will the flowers be handled, delivered and set-up? What if the weather is bad?

- ◆ Do you preserve bouquets after

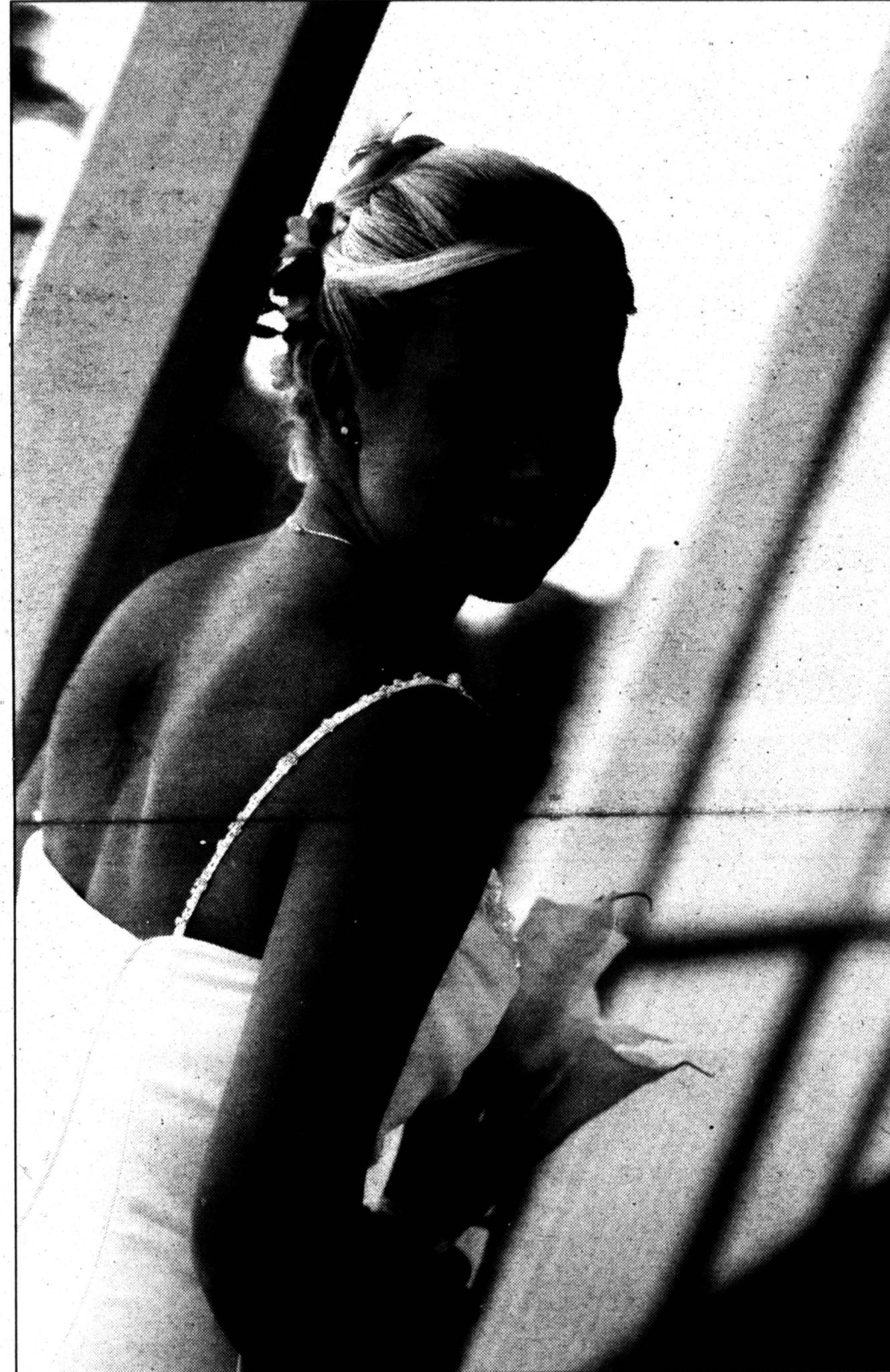
the wedding?

- ◆ Is there an additional charge for delivery, set-up and servicing? How are these charges determined?

- ◆ Do you offer rental items (vases, urns, etc.) or do we need to rent them

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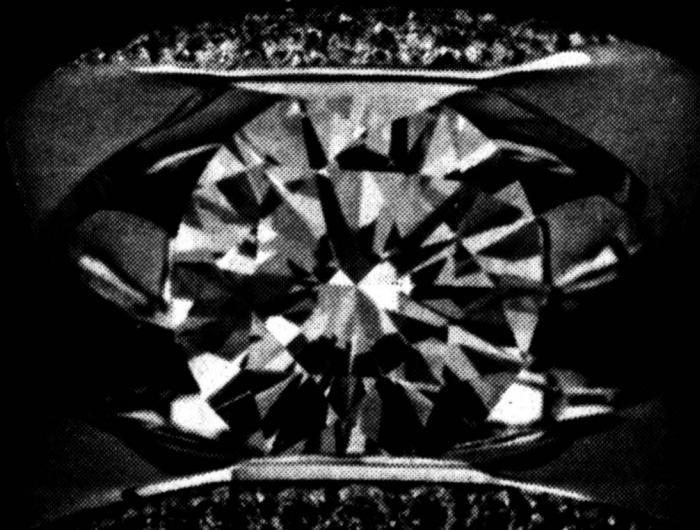
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Eloping might be romantic and save the equivalent of a down payment on a house (the average American wedding now costs \$26,327, according to the Fairchild Bridal Group). But many brides-to-be spend their lives dreaming up lavish details for their nuptials. And if their families can afford it, designer dresses, exotic locations and lavish receptions are not just the stuff of wishes — they're an exciting reality. But pulling off

such a complex celebration is not for amateurs.

New Orleans native Colette Cuccia, who has lived in Carmel since 1989, knows what goes into successfully executing a six-figure, eye-popping party. From custom-designed gowns, to specially written wedding songs and vows, to hand-printed invitations, engraved party favors and themed amenity baskets, Cuccia has played an integral role in creating the most beautiful moments money can buy. She's been designing and organizing weddings for two decades, along with other events, such as the Masters of Food & Wine.

"It was big and fun, I loved it!" she said of her ten-year stint at the Highlands Inn. But after overseeing several hundred weddings at the hotel, Cuccia branched out on her own.

Since then, she has coordinated weddings from

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small to large (2 to 500 people); posh celebrity weddings to small intimate affairs; formal estate settings to casual, oceanside events, and weddings that incorporate exotic cultural traditions.

"I try to create a unique experience for each person," says Cuccia. "I speak with the bride and groom before the wedding and learn about what they love and what they mean to each other, and then we create a ceremony that represents who they are."

Although Cuccia has pulled off sumptuous soirees costing nearly \$1 million, she says the intent of such big-ticket affairs isn't to show-off, but to provide luxury and amenities for the guests.

"For many high-end weddings, the event has become a four-day mini-vacation for guests with planned activities such as hikes, walking tours, yoga and barbecues," she says.

For example, some events held at the Santa Lucia Preserve start their out-of-town guests' weekend with a Mexican bash at nearby Baja Cantina.

Increasingly, the betrothed couple will foot the bill for lodging, and if guests are staying some place like Bernardus, L'Auberge Carmel or the Post Ranch Inn, especially for multiple nights, that tab can add up quickly.

In-room amenity baskets can also drive up costs, depending upon what they include.

For Monterey Peninsula weddings, Cuccia likes to include local products. A wine-themed basket with bottles of Monterey County reds and whites,

engraved corkscrews, cheese, crackers, engraved cheese knives and wine glasses is always a crowd-pleaser.

Cuccia's one-of-a-kind wedding productions are considerate of every last little detail. At a wedding held at the Post Ranch Inn, she transformed a tent into a Zen palace. Swagged and draped in luxurious fabrics and lit with hanging brocade lanterns and three-foot custom-made wax candles, the space was hardly recognizable as a tent. French doors, Buddhist-inspired statues and gongs, and thoughtful gardening accents further added to melding the soothing feeling of the indoor space with the equally mesmerizing outdoor environment.

For other clients, who were close to the Dalai Lama, she incorporated small pieces of a blessed cloth into the invitations. The ceremony site was adorned with hanging saris of significance, hanging fabrics and gentle lighting.

Before Cuccia gets involved in working her wedding magic, she encourages people to get their budget worked out.

"Half the budget automatically needs to go towards the venue, food and beverage, and the rest pays for flowers, music, photography, lodging, etc.," she says. Whatever's left will determine whether a \$20k or a \$5k band can be hired.

She says that the guest list is the biggest challenge when it comes to planning a wedding. "Food and beverage is charged per head, and it can creep up

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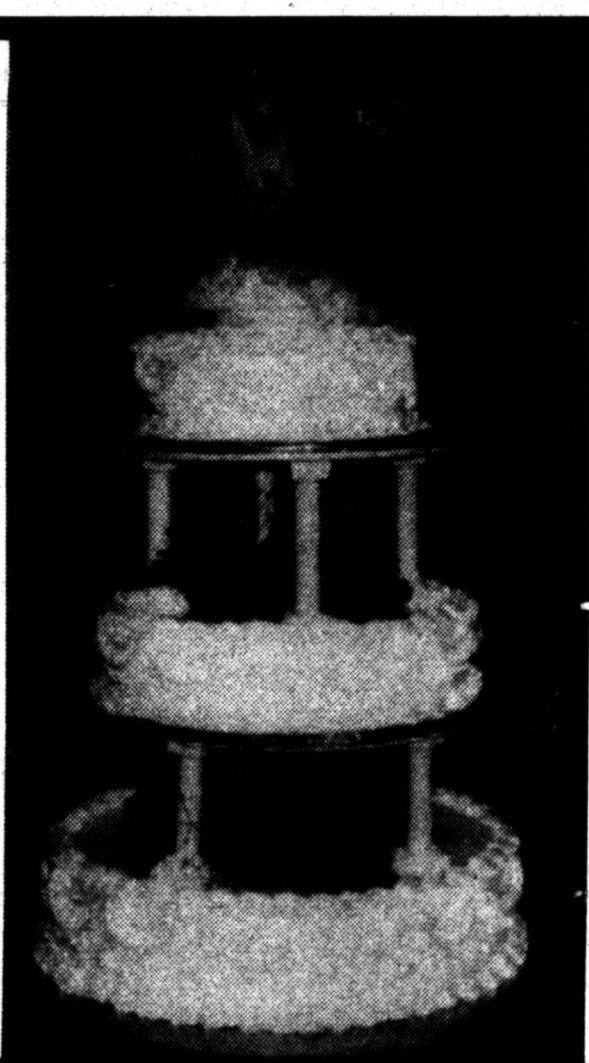
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WARREN "PETE" POITRAS has been photographing weddings on the Monterey Peninsula for almost three decades. Until recently, he worked as a detective with the Carmel Police Department, but his weekends were usually devoted to wedding photography. He's photographed more than 500 weddings since he first picked up a camera and brings a wealth of experience to each wedding he undertakes. Now that he's retired, Warren is able to devote much more time to one of life's most beautiful occasions. "Everyone is happy at a wedding, something that was not always true with the photos I took as a detective," he says with a smile. Warren's warm, easy-going manner ensures that everyone feels comfortable with his camera. His photographs are always carefully composed yet feel natural and spontaneous, capturing all of the emotion, elegance and glamour of your most special day. Warren lives in Carmel Valley with his wife, Juli, and their little dog Koko. Additional examples of his work can be found on-line at www.weddingphotographercarmel.com. Or you can contact him at (831) 659-3837.

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to \$200/person at places like Pebble Beach," she says.

Cuccia is able to maintain her

painstaking, hands-on approach by limiting how many ceremonies she'll take on — currently two carefully spaced events

per month. "I love what I do," she tells me. "I love my brides, their parents and families," she gushes.

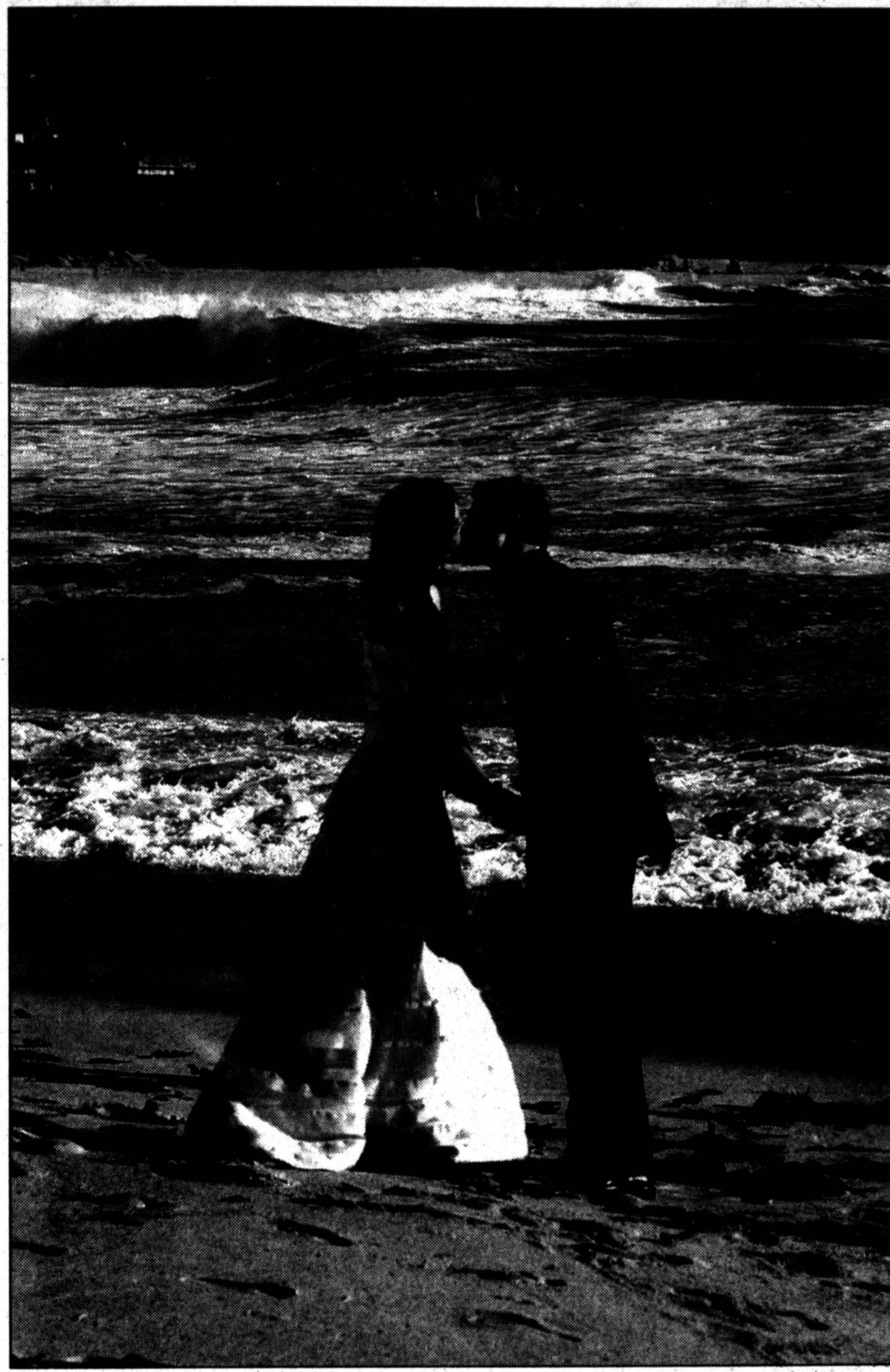
She repeatedly mentions her desire to make her events perfect.

But for Cuccia, the most rewarding moment of orchestrating the impossibly long list of details is when the bride is standing alongside her father, getting ready to walk down the aisle to her future husband.

"It's the most tender moment in the

world. All tensions are healed and it's such an emotional moment of new beginnings," she sighs. And when it's all said and done and she receives heartfelt thank you notes from the people she's worked with, she knows she's done her very best to help make those five or six hours of the couples' life absolutely perfect.

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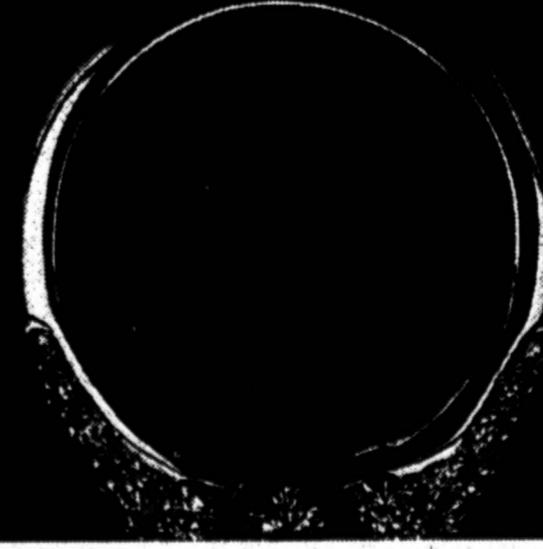
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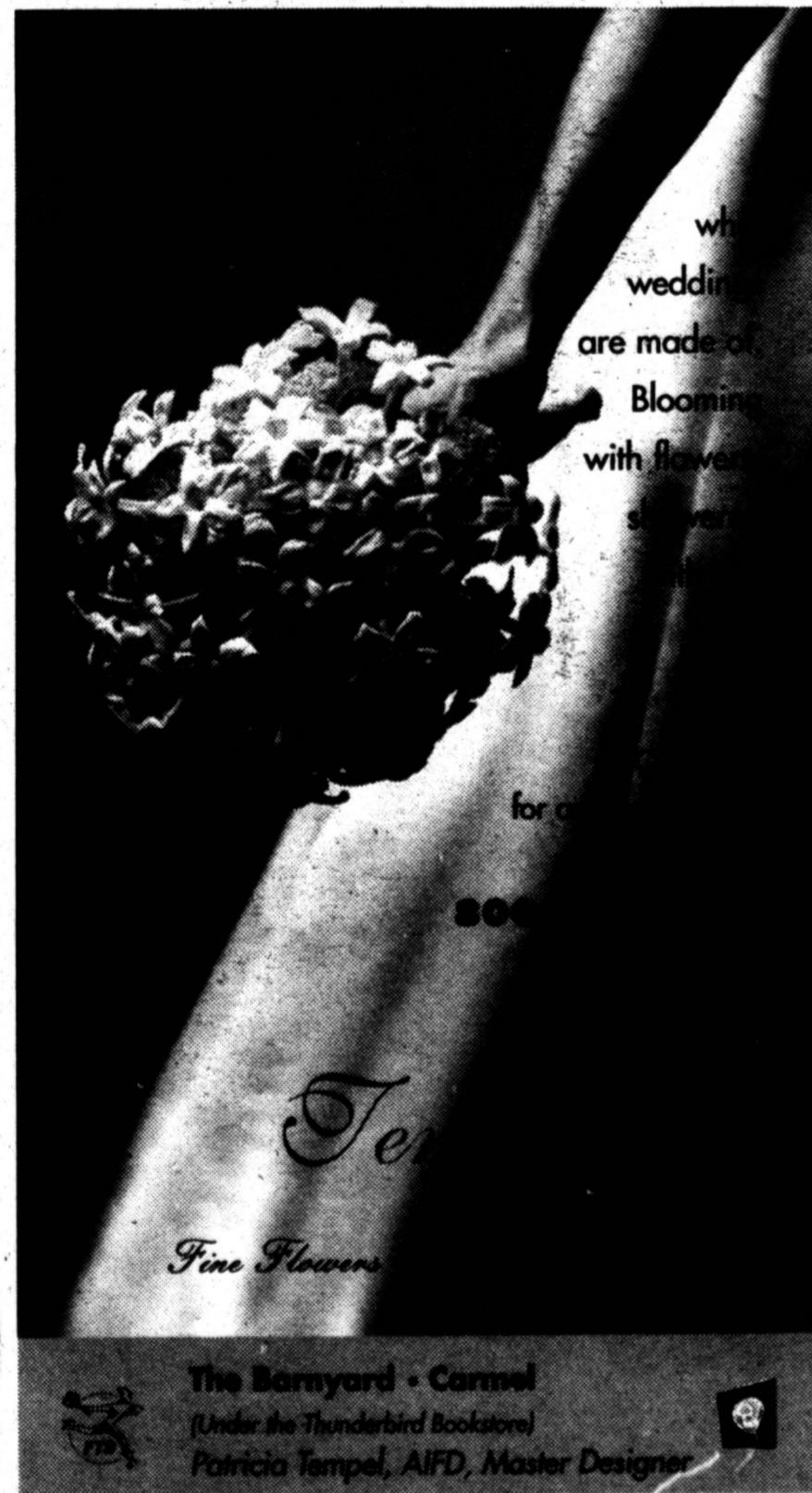
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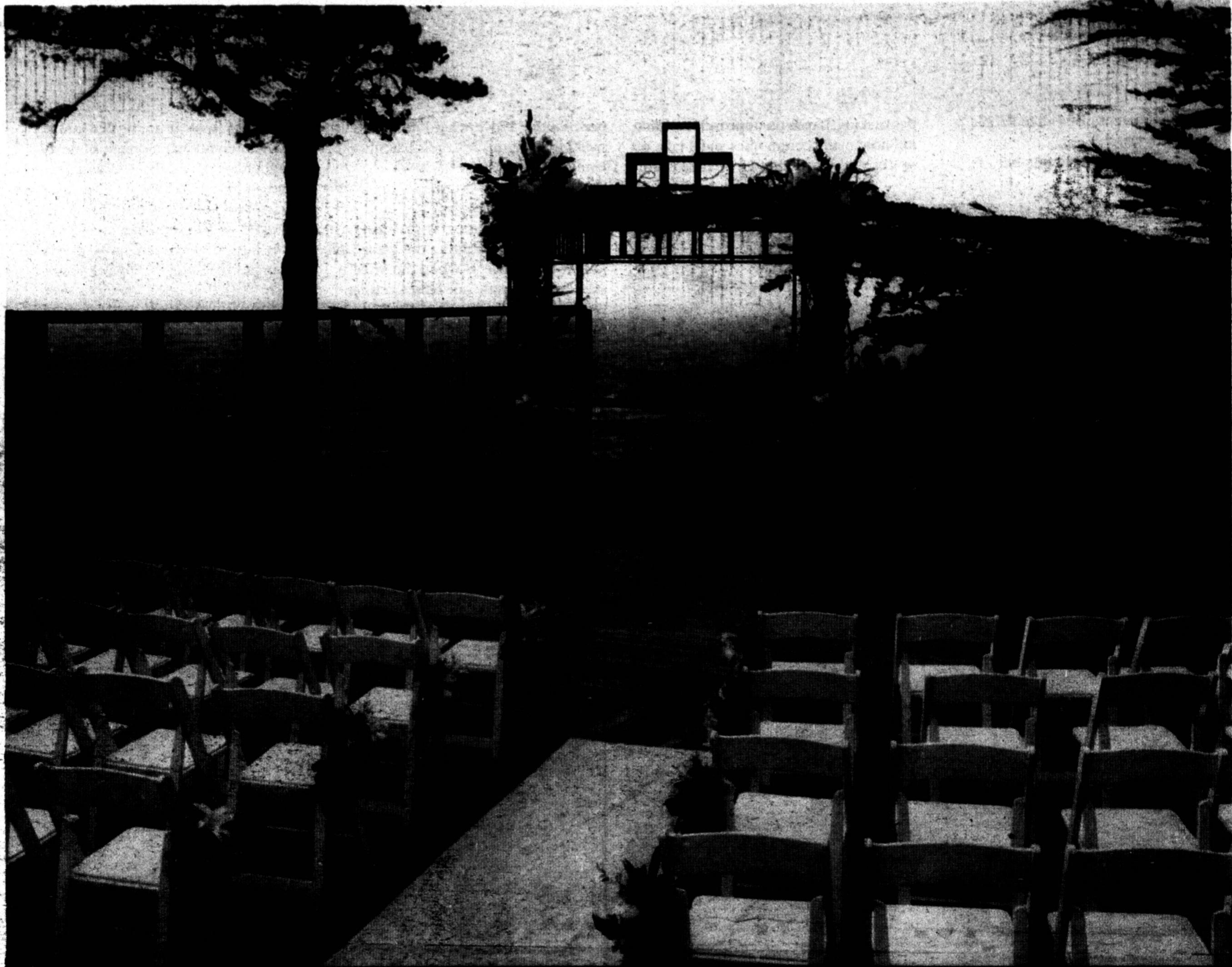


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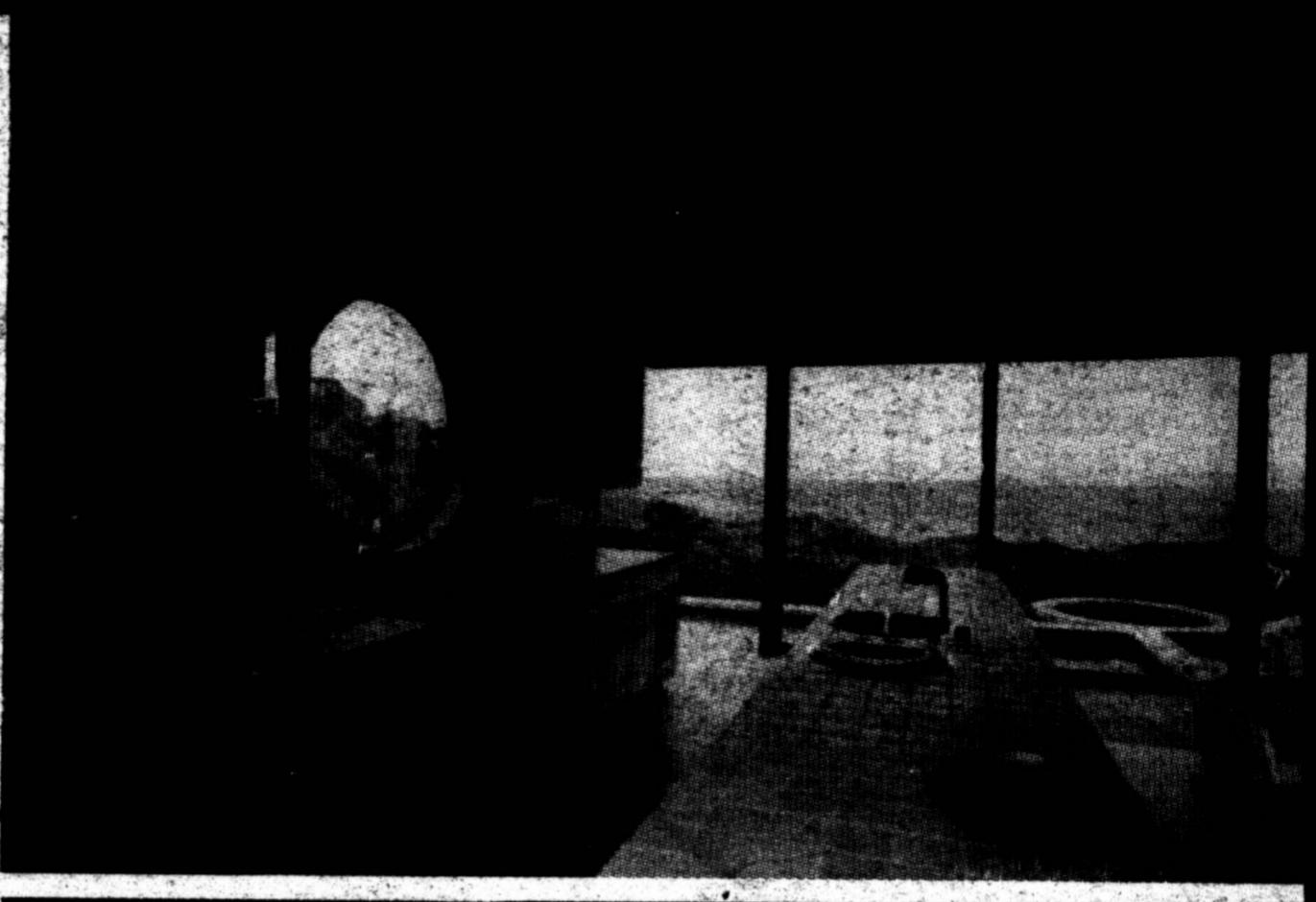
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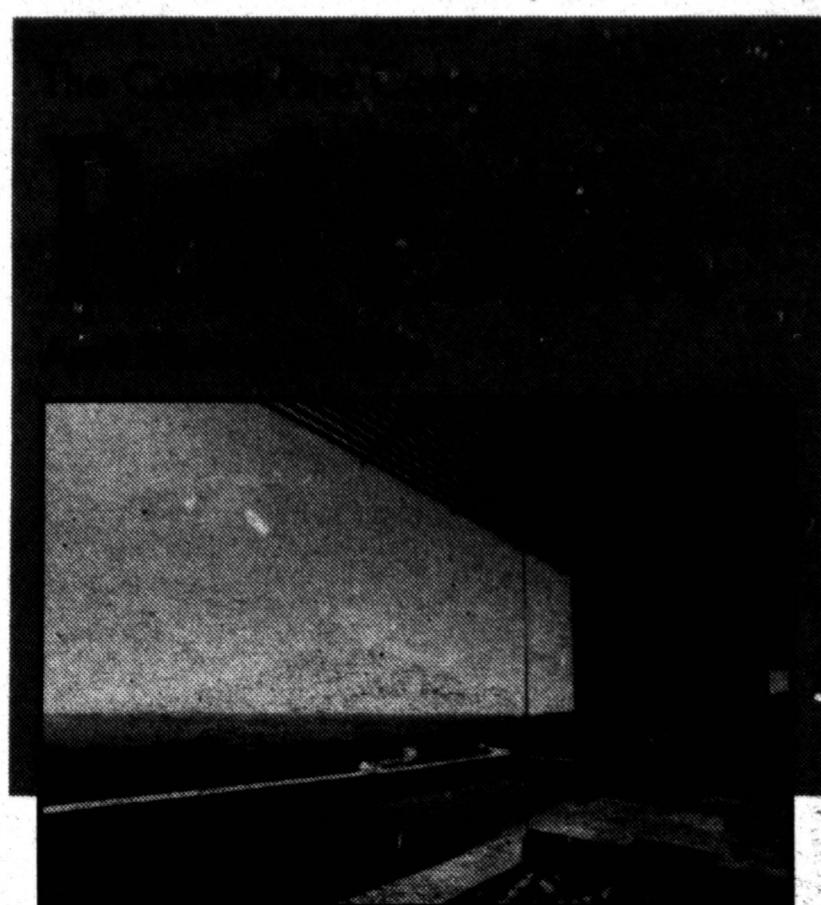
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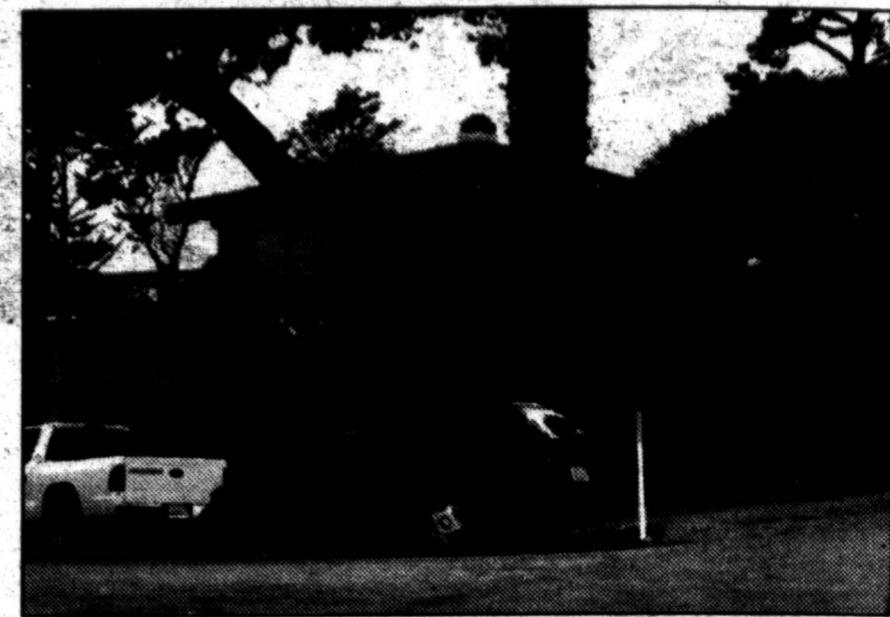
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S.J. Duckworth, another Monterey businessman, had little difficulty in buying the land from him in 1888, and he viewed it as something better than cow pasture. His vision went into the first official map of "Carmel", a gridwork of streets extending from 1st to 11th Avenues, and from Monterey Street on the east to Monte Verde on the west. In the strategic center of this, at Ocean and Junipero, he erected a resort hotel and set about wooing travelers from San Francisco via the new Southern Pacific Railroad.

Meanwhile, Honore Escolle sold off his last remaining property, 27 lots in the block now occupied by Carmel Plaza, in 1893 for the total price of \$10.

Poor Mr. Duckworth's plan was bigger than his purse, and he fell into financial difficulties. His development was taken up and expanded, in 1902, by Frank Devendorf and his partner, Frank Powers. They were experienced subdividers and considerate promoters, and from there on Carmel has followed a continuously rising curve.

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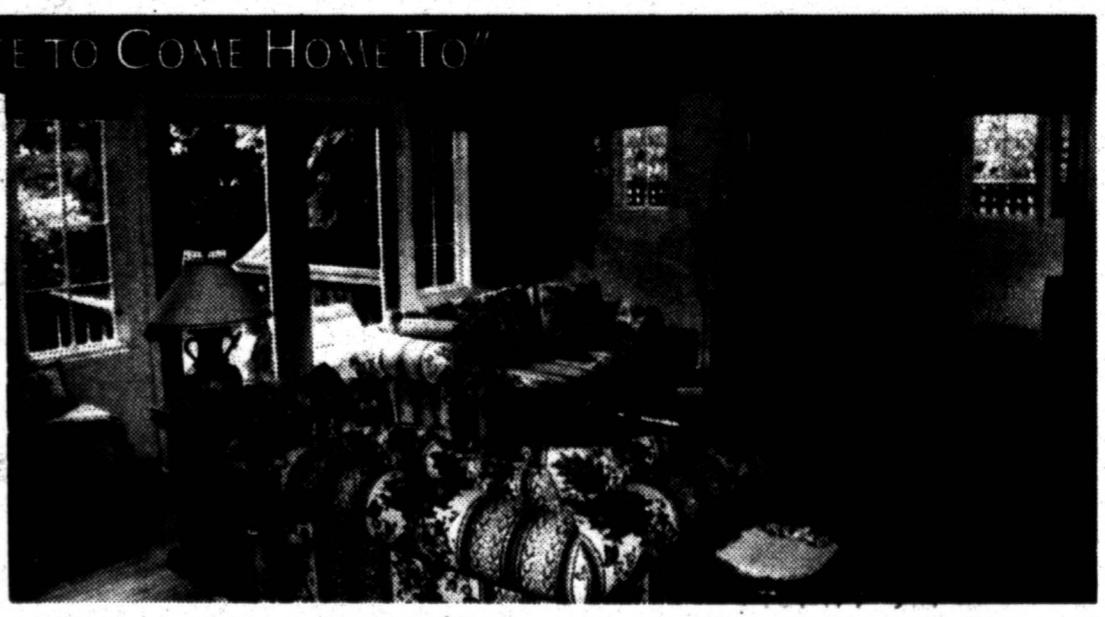
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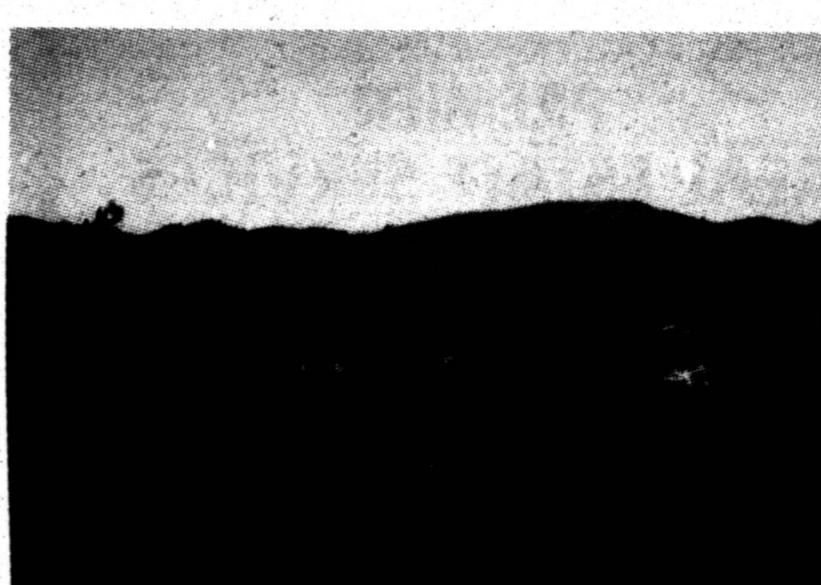
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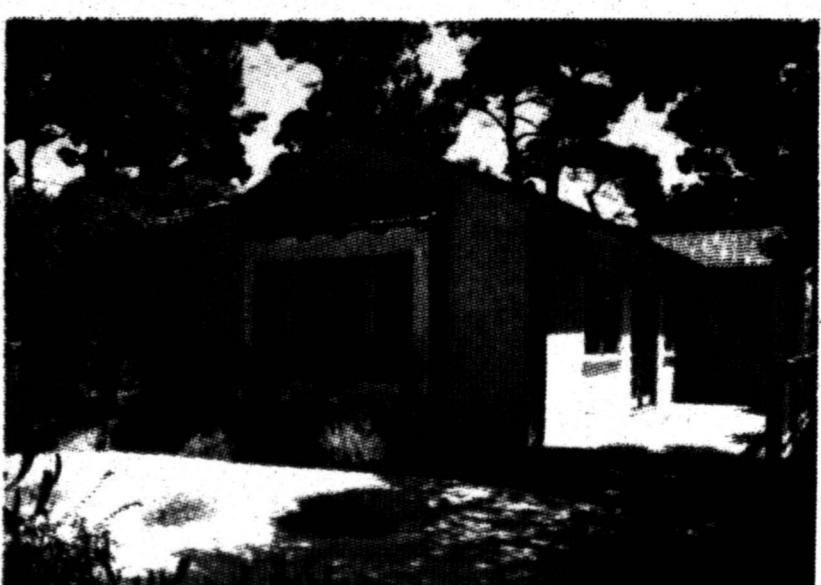
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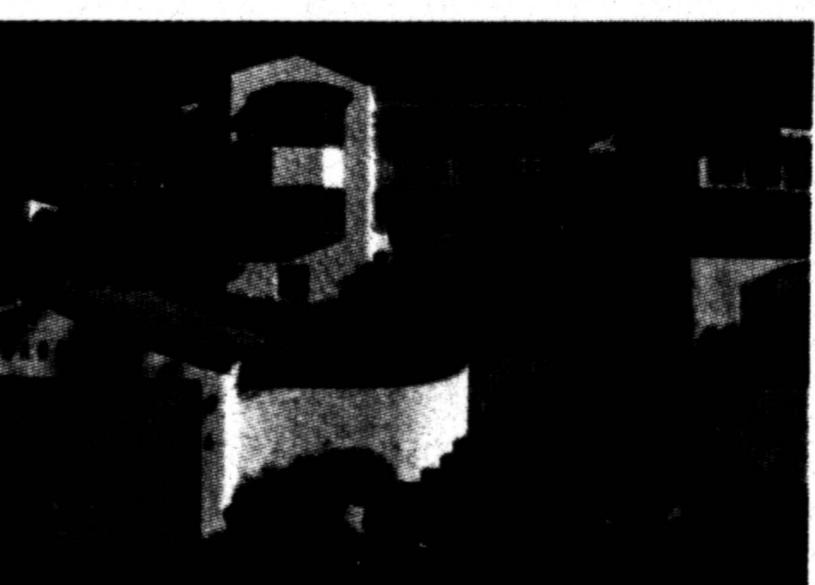
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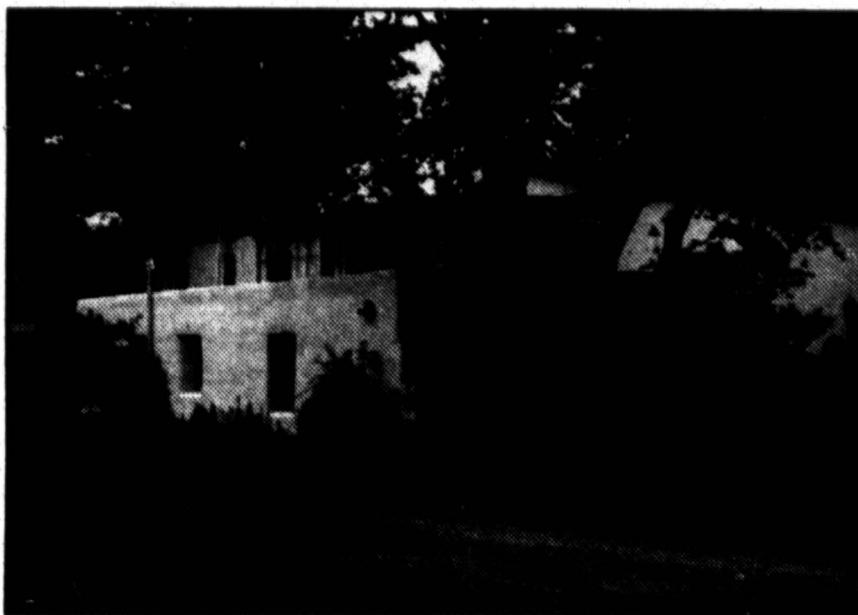
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99 Ford Road — \$823,500

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APN: 187-532-003

367 Archer Street — \$920,000

Philip Kingston to SIRVA Relocation LLC, a Delaware company
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367 Archer Street — \$920,000

SIRVA Relocation LLC, a Delaware company, to
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632 Toyon Drive — \$1,000,000

Marion Mein to Linda Valentine and Randy O'Dell
APN: 014-011-004

10 Via Paraiso — \$1,300,000

Cayetano Rodriguez and Jerry Welling to
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954 Mesa Road — \$1,510,000

Christine and Virginia Chambers to Jerry Welling and
Cayetano Rodriguez
APN: 001-741-005

Pacific Grove

705 Fountain Avenue — \$761,500

Shirley Benbow to Randall & Rebecca Fuller
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4086 Pine Meadows Way — \$1,164,000

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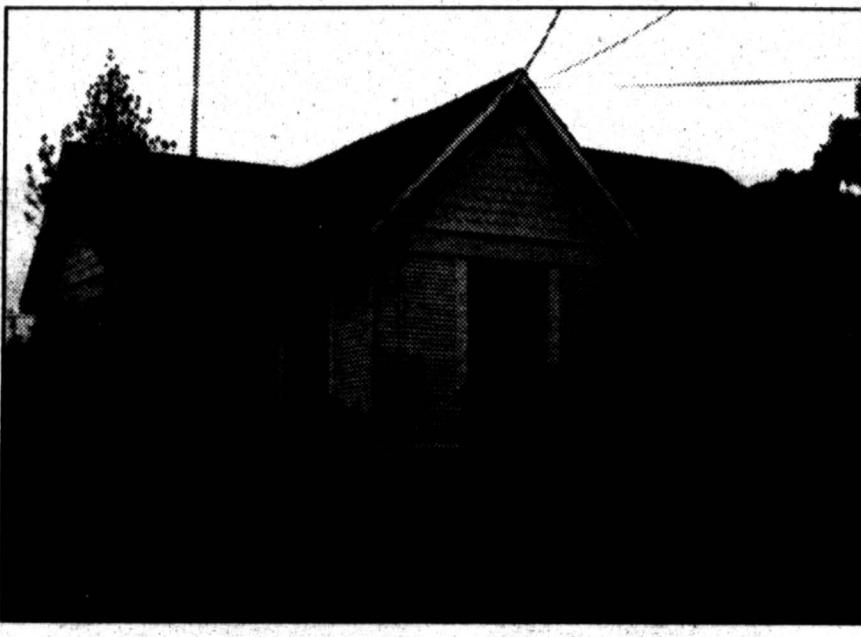
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Benedetto & Lisa Bruno
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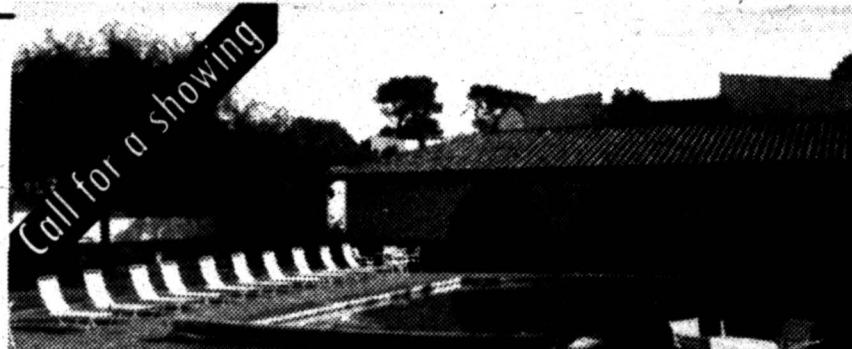
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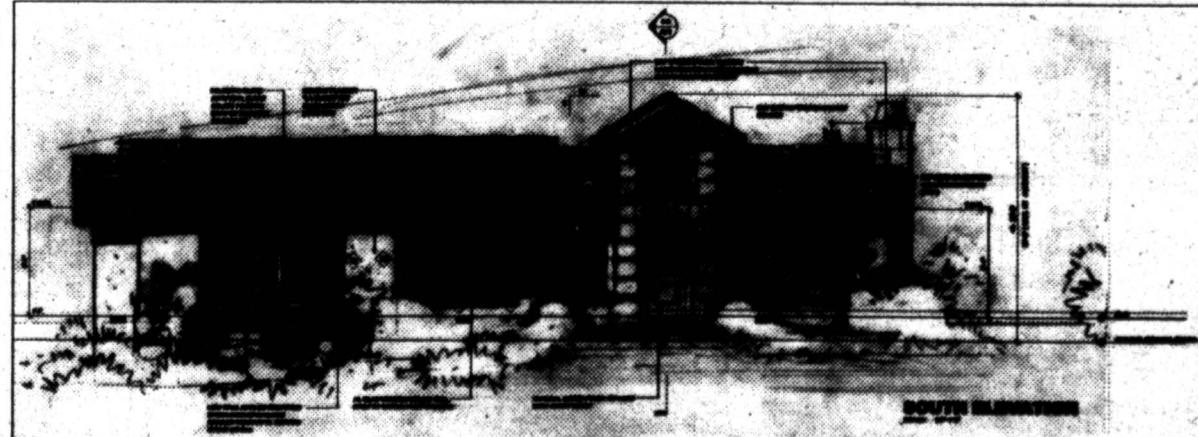


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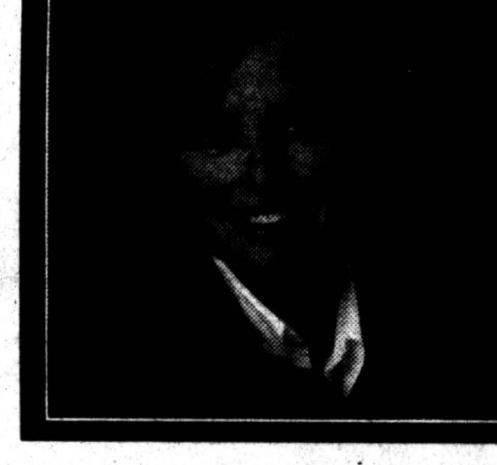


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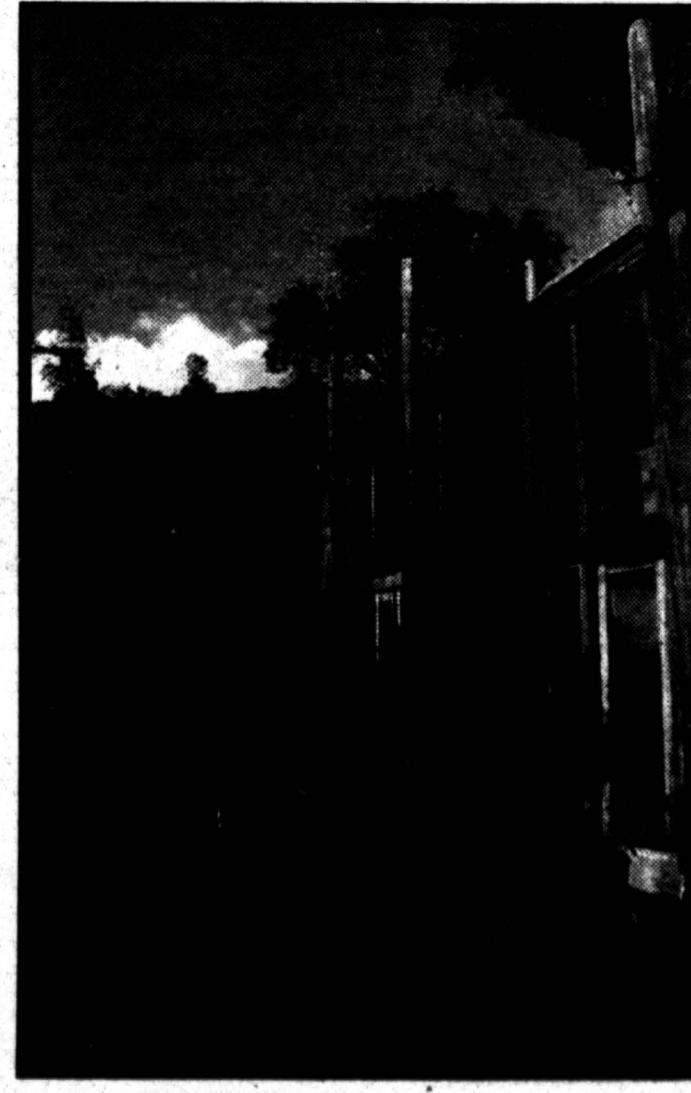
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Real estate market takes a deep breath as interest rates rise

■ Carmel's median price down 12 percent in first quarter

THE LONG-RUNNING hot real estate market on the Monterey Peninsula ran out of breath during the fourth quarter of last year and is still panting. With interest rates rising, year-end numbers pointed to a struggling first quarter. And then the rains came. Exactly what the soggy weather did to the



House Talk

By Paul & Nellie Brocchini and Mark Ryan

market, no one knows. But whatever it was, it wasn't good.

Overall, the ten local markets registered a \$97,000,000 decrease in dollar volume from last year's first quarter, with more than half of the decline happening in Carmel. Total dollar volume in the first three months of 2005 was \$426,148,000, whereas this year came in at \$328,471,000, a decrease of 23 percent. Carmel was especially weak during the quarter, with volume down more than \$50,000,000 and prices dropping 12 percent.

Even with the decline, Carmel was certainly not dead. There were 39 closed transactions during the quarter, more than \$77,000,000 changed hands and the median sales price was \$1,390,000. The sizable percentage declines may be as much a factor of the stupendous first quarter the town had last year as of this year's results.

Pacific Grove and South Coast actually posted small dollar volume gains during the quarter. As usual, our market directional arrows were not 100 percent in agreement.

Unit sales, as one would expect, were also down substantially. Last year 330 single family homes sold in the first quarter and this year only 235, a decline of 29 percent.

In summary, the numbers to remember are that dollar volume fell 23 percent and unit sales 29 percent.

Prices

Economic principles tell us that when supply exceeds demand, prices will decline. In eight of 10 local markets, during the first quarter, demand was lower, but not enough to cause prices to fall. Carmel and Monterey were the only markets to suffer selling price declines.

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Average days on market

	2005 (Q1)	2006 (Q1)
Carmel	156	104
Carmel Vly	101	78
D. Rey Oaks	47	104
Marina	28	78
Monterey	74	81
P. Grove	54	73
Pebble Bch	149	102
Salinas Hwy	109	101
Seaside	45	110
South Coast	180	269

Gross dollar volume

	2005 (Q1)	2006 (Q1)
Carmel	127,479,000	77,131,000
Carmel Valley	36,887,000	29,500,000
Del Rey Oaks	5,802,000	1,564,000
Marina	17,116,000	14,836,000
Monterey	32,877,000	23,495,000
Pacific Grove	24,208,000	25,630,000
Pebble Beach	71,787,000	66,504,000
Salinas Hwy	53,173,000	41,705,000
Seaside	32,226,000	22,851,000
South Coast	24,593,000	25,255,000
Total	426,148,000	328,471,000

Median sales prices (dollars)

	2005 (Q1)	2006 (Q1)
Carmel	1,577,500	1,390,000
Carmel Valley	1,089,000	1,191,000
Del Rey Oaks	705,000	782,000
Marina	635,000	687,000
Monterey	856,500	762,500
Pacific Grove	750,000	942,500
Pebble Beach	1,600,000	2,150,000
Salinas Hwy	880,000	925,000
Seaside	634,720	690,000
South Coast	2,350,000	3,072,500

Distribution of Sales — 1st quarter 2006

	up to \$699	\$700- \$799	\$800- \$899	\$1M- \$1,299	\$1.3M- \$1,699	\$1.7M- \$1,999	\$2M and up
Carmel	0	0	9	9	5	5	11
Carmel Valley	0	4	5	7	3	1	3
Del Rey Oaks	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Marina	11	7	3	0	0	0	0
Monterey	6	13	4	2	3	0	0
Pacific Grove	4	3	11	5	2	0	1
Pebble Beach	0	0	0	4	4	0	11
Salinas Highway	7	10	4	8	2	6	1
Seaside	17	7	5	2	0	0	0
South Coast	0	0	0	1	0	1	6
Total	45	45	42	38	19	13	33

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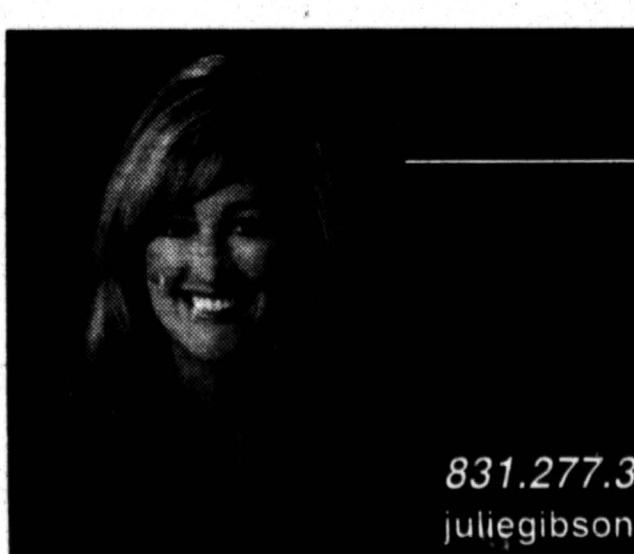
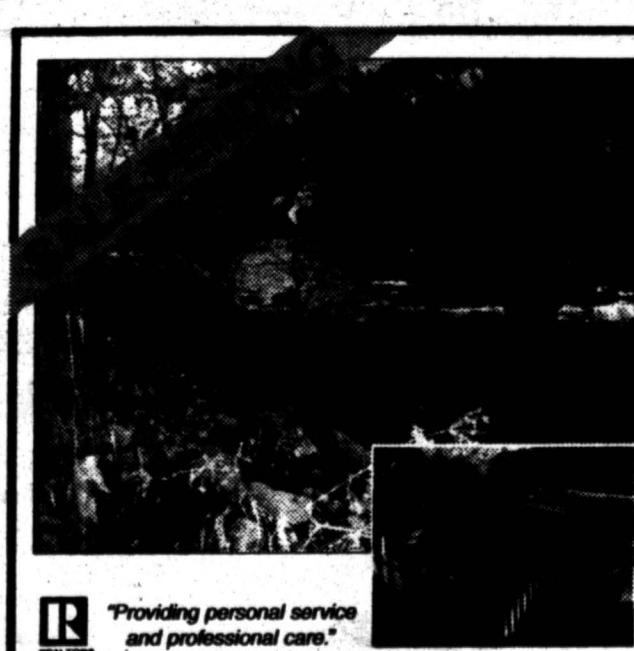


Carmel Valley Riverhouse

Riverhouse, a story-book cottage, nestles on a double lot with full river and beach frontage. Interior features Spanish-tiled floors throughout the kitchen, bath and large living area and a wood-burning brick fireplace. Architectural glass doors frame and focus attention to its romantic setting on a secluded beach of the beautiful Carmel River.

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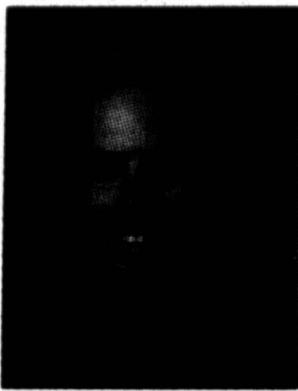
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The distribution of sales prices is illuminating. The over-one-million-dollar market is beginning to dominate. Fourteen percent of sales were over two million dollars, and 30 percent were between one and two million dollars. That adds up to 44 percent of the transactions during the quarter exceeding the million dollar mark!

Market Barometer

The Market Barometer, which measures the percentage of listings in escrow, is our best forward-looking tool. Robust Barometer readings foretell a strong real estate market, and weak readings the opposite.

On January 1, the Barometer was weak. Only two markets had readings above 20 per-

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Number of real estate sales (by quarter)

	2004 (Q3)	2004 (Q4)	2005 (Q1)	2005 (Q2)	2005 (Q3)	2005 (Q4)	2006 (Q1)
Carmel	77	45	64	57	69	30	39
Carmel Valley	33	35	30	45	42	24	23
Del Rey Oaks	5	3	8	6	11	2	2
Marina	45	35	27	38	43	24	21
Monterey	46	53	38	46	39	36	28
Pacific Grove	47	40	29	37	38	40	26
Pebble Beach	20	29	33	27	26	22	19
Salinas Hwy	65	45	40	67	71	41	38
Seaside	58	59	51	63	64	43	31
South Coast	9	8	10	7	6	6	8
Totals	405	352	330	393	409	268	235

Monterey Peninsula Home Sales Market Barometer

	in escrow	
Date	/listed	%
		Carmel
4/1/06	20/162	12%
1/1/06	17/129	13%
10/1/05	19/136	14%
7/1/05	28/129	22%
4/1/05	37/98	38%
		Carmel Valley
4/1/06	18/84	18%
1/1/06	13/87	15%
10/1/05	14/79	18%
7/1/05	29/82	35%
4/1/05	22/73	30%
		Del Rey Oaks
4/1/06	1/4	25%
1/1/06	1/4	25%
10/1/05	2/6	33%
7/1/05	3/8	38%
4/1/05	5/8	63%
		Marina
4/1/06	7/74	9%
1/1/06	6/46	13%
10/1/05	15/38	39%
7/1/05	23/40	58%
4/1/05	19/43	44%
		Monterey
4/1/06	18/67	27%
1/1/06	7/66	11%
10/1/05	21/55	38%
7/1/05	24/61	39%
4/1/05	21/54	39%
		Pacific Grove
4/1/06	13/79	16%
1/1/06	11/61	18%
10/1/05	22/45	49%
7/1/05	18/55	33%
4/1/05	15/44	34%
		Pebble Beach
4/1/06	11/91	12%
1/1/06	10/70	14%
10/1/05	15/61	25%
7/1/05	15/64	23%
4/1/05	18/57	32%
		SIns/Mtry Highway
4/1/06	19/113	17%
1/1/06	16/97	17%
10/1/05	35/84	42%
7/1/05	58/120	48%
4/1/05	44/116	38%
		Seaside
4/1/06	23/123	19%
1/1/06	20/93	22%
10/1/05	24/76	32%
7/1/05	41/96	43%
4/1/05	33/71	46%
		South Coast
4/1/06	3/41	7%
1/1/06	3/44	7%
10/1/05	4/44	9%
7/1/05	6/41	15%
4/1/05	5/33	15%

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cent and only 104 properties were in escrow. On April 1, the Barometer continued weak. There were still only two readings above 20 percent, Monterey and Del Rey Oaks. The number of listings in escrow moved up a bit to 133.

In comparison to the first quarter of 2005, though, both measurements were steeply down. The biggest decline was Marina where the April-to-April Market Barometers went from 44 percent to 9 percent. Asking prices in Marina have apparently outrun the ability of buyers to pay. The other popularly priced Peninsula market, Seaside, suffered a similar, but not so drastic, fate. Seaside's April-to-April readings went from 46 percent to 19 percent.

Other April-to-April Market Barometer readings of note were Carmel, 38 percent to 12 percent; Pebble Beach, 32 percent to 12 percent, and Carmel Valley, 30 percent to 18 percent. In all of these cases, the number of properties on the market increased substantially from April 1, 2005 to April 1, 2006. Examples are Carmel, 98 to 162; Pebble Beach, 57 to 91, and Pacific Grove, 44 to 79.

One would think that the slowing of the market would shift the power from sellers to buyers and that prices would fall back a bit. The tenacity of sellers and the generosity of lenders, however, have combined to maintain prices so far.

Although the market has stalled, we need a few more quarters to either establish a flat or downward trend or to enjoy another rebound.

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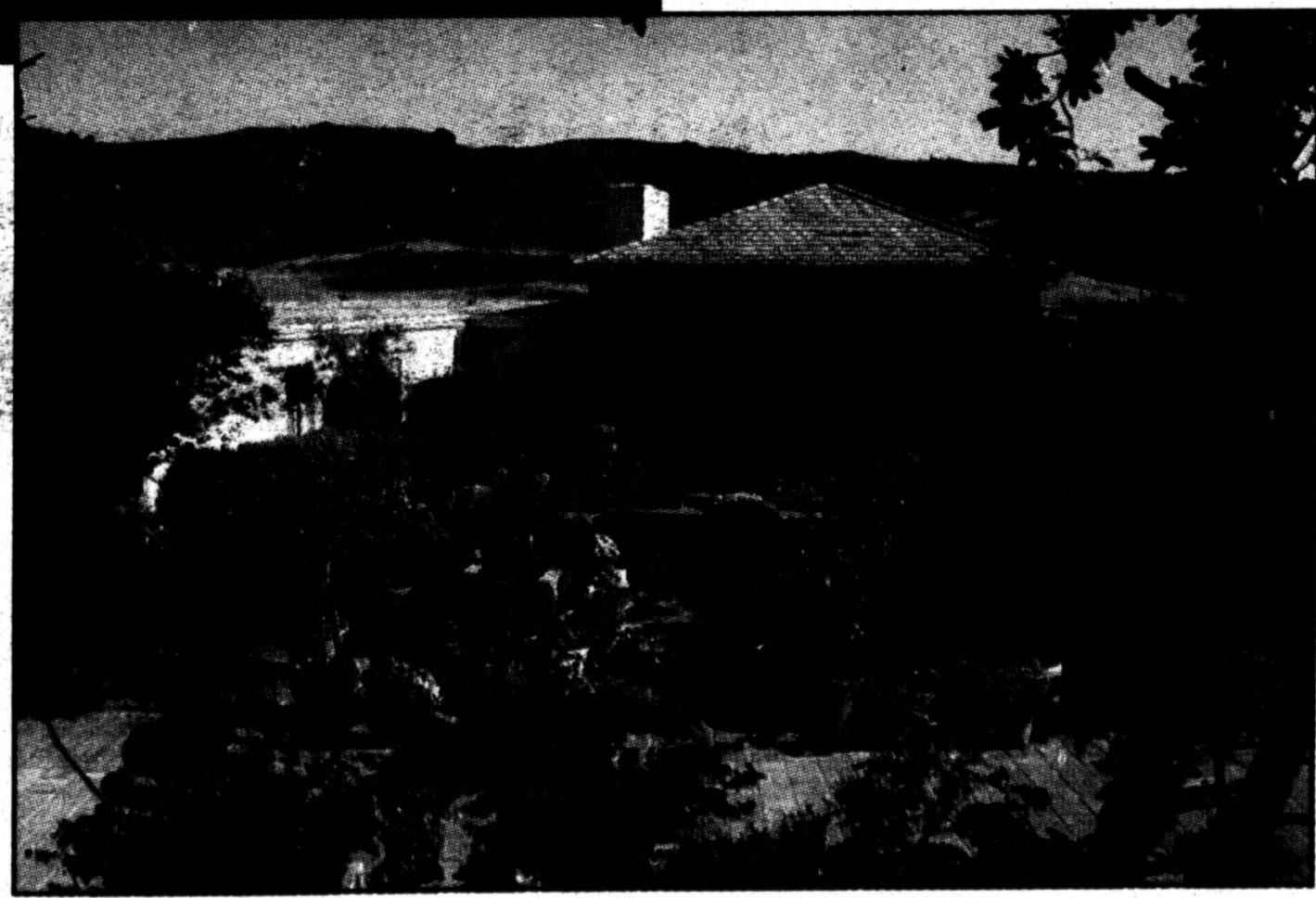
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Carmel Hatton Fields

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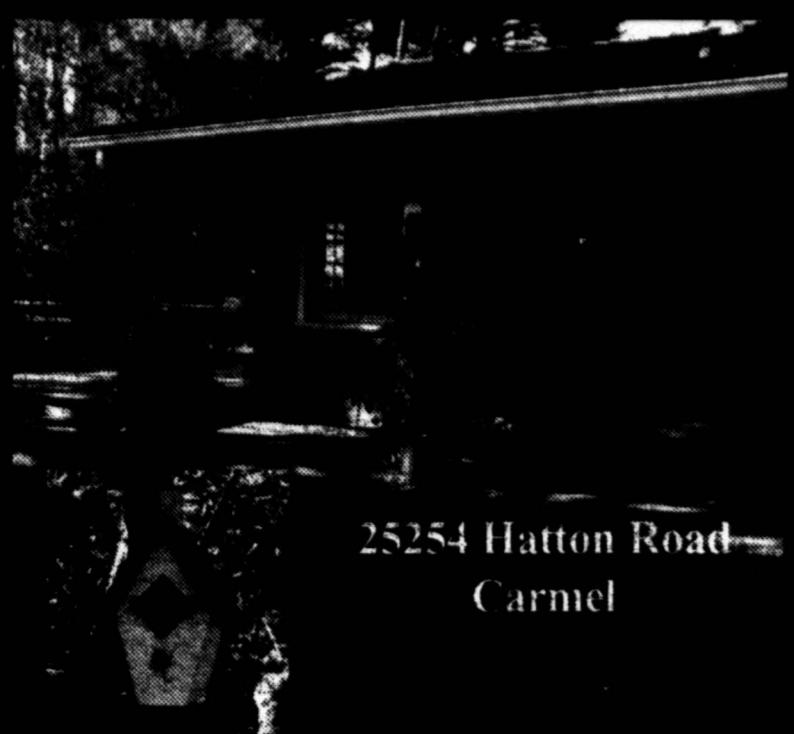
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Carmel Valley: Report of a white male verbally abusing two young children while they were in a vehicle on Carmel Valley Road. Vehicle was gone on arrival.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a male subject at Dolores and Eighth who was intoxicated and under a doctor's care. Subject was possibly having a reaction to his medication and hallucinating. Doctor notified and subject provided transportation to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded

to a medical emergency on Monte Verde Street. Engine and ambulance on scene. Crew assisted ambulance with vitals, oxygen, IV and EKG, report information and loading for an elderly female with difficulty breathing. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a reported sewage spill on the west side of San Carlos between Ocean and Seventh. Firefighters, along with police and public works personnel, mitigated a sewage spill that was the result of a blockage in the sewer line. A plumber on scene snaked out the blockage, and then emergency personnel swept up absorbent and washed and bleached the affected area. No product made it into the storm drain.

Pebble Beach: Male Strawberry Hill Road resident reported his house was burglarized by an unknown suspect. A set of china and electronic equipment were taken.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision on public property on Fifth at San Carlos Street. Vehicle towed away.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine, ambulance and chief responded to a reported coastal incident at Ocean and Del Mar. Engine and ambulance on scene. Crews assessed two patients, a father and son, who were in the water prior to firefighters' arrival. The 10-year-old son was swept out into the surf by a rip tide, and the father was successful in bringing the boy back to the beach. Both were exhausted and suffered mild hypothermia but refused further medical treatment or transportation to CHOMP and signed a medical release.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: On-duty fire crews received a walk-in medical at the station. Crews treated abrasions and swelling on an older female who had suffered a fall with minor facial injuries while walking in town. A police officer was summoned to the station for a fall on city property report, and the patient signed a medical release, having refused further medical treatment or transportation to the hospital.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a reported medical emergency on Casanova. Engine and ambulance on scene. Crews assessed an older female who had been choking on food prior to fire.

See POLICE LOG
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NE Corner of San Antonio & 9th



Carmel "Anchor House"
Restored By
Michael Doctor

This captivating Tudor cottage has it all. Enjoy the sound of the sea while looking out onto ocean and sunset views, or relax in the southern-facing gardens of this exceptional 1,000 square foot corner lot in the coveted "golden rectangle." The home boasts four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a family room, crow's nest library, dog wash room or summer kitchen, two-car garage, and a charming cellar with its own arched outdoor entrance. "Anchor House" is a rare opportunity to own a very special Carmel beach house. \$1,999,000

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San Carlos 3 SW of 12th, Carmel

This "South of Ocean Avenue" three bedroom, two bath home has been completely remodeled throughout with state-of-the-art materials. Entry leads to spacious living room with Carmel stone fireplace and huge gourmet kitchen with Viking appliances and polished granite counter tops. The enormous master bedroom suite features a cozy fireplace, French doors leading to a secluded deck and a large master bath with marble counters and floors. Hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings and located within easy walking distance to the ocean and Carmel Village.

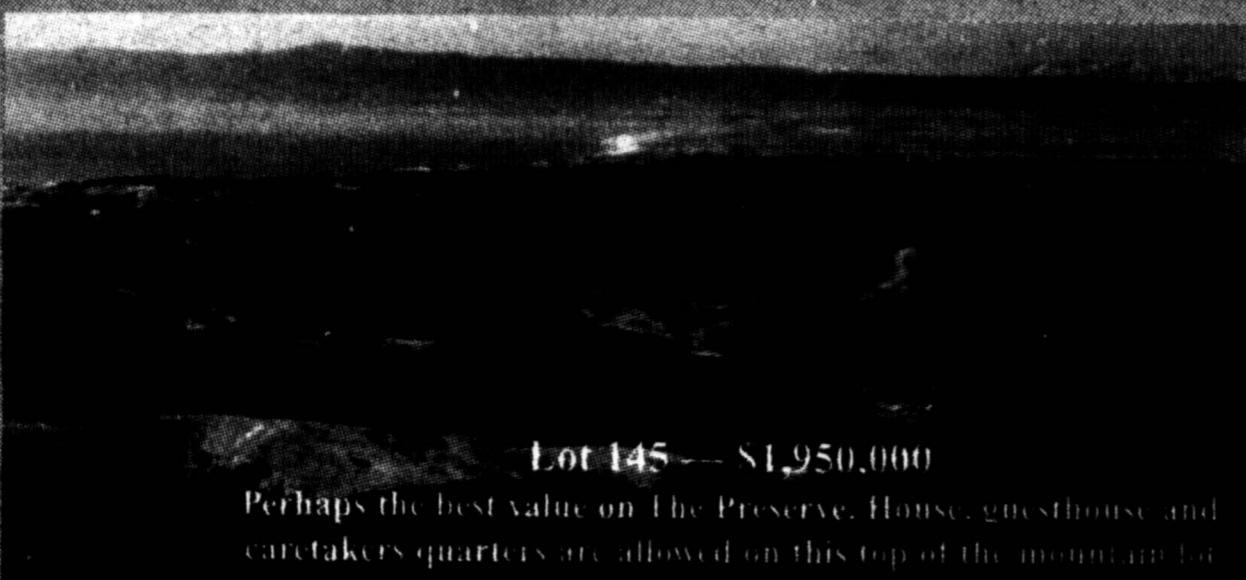
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Bill Wilson
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Office: 831.626.0650
Junipero at 5th, Carmel-by-the-Sea

PRESERVE LAND COMPANY

The on-site sales office at
SANTA LUCIA PRESERVE

Many of these lots are close to the front gate and just minutes to Downtown Carmel



Lot 145 -- \$1,950,000

Perhaps the best value on The Preserve. House, guesthouse and caretakers quarters are allowed on this top of the mountain lot.

Lot F-5 -- \$1,295,000

Very sunny south facing lot with expansive views near the Gatehouse and activity center.

Lot 66 -- \$850,000

Private gated lot with meadow setting located near golf course and other amenities.

Lot 223 -- \$1,100,000

23-acre parcel with private entrance. \$1,400,000.00. Sale Pending.

Lot 197 -- \$1,350,000

Within minutes of the front gate, this beautiful wooded lot has a level building site on the 28 acre parcel.

Lot 212 -- \$1,200,000

Nestled among oaks, this west-facing equestrian lot has privacy and expansive views. Excellent building site.

Lot 74 -- \$1,495,000

Beautiful meadow setting with some view of the Hacienda Valley. Two-story main residence and guest cottage allowed.



LOT E-15 -- \$2,400,000

Open and sunny, this full time equestrian site has a 5.5 acre Homeland with magnificent views of the Potrero ridges.

Lot 99 -- \$1,200,000

Private 34 acre lot with beautiful Redwoods and seasonal streams.

Lot D19 -- \$1,900,000

Wonderful views of Robinson Canyon and Santa Lucia ridges on this flat sunny equestrian site.

Lot 205 -- \$2,000,000

Large sunny meadow setting with vistas of the ridges of the Santa Lucia Mountains.

Lot 109 -- \$1,695,000

Terrific setting and building site for a home and guesthouse with fabulous mountain and redwood views.

Lot 108 -- \$1,900,000

Three detached dwellings are permitted on this site with great mountain and valley vistas and great sun.

LOT 129 -- \$2,900,000

Panoramic 360° views to mountains, valleys and golf holes from this hilltop, centrally located to all amenities.

Please call to find out about other magnificent lots available at The Preserve.

Janet Fitzpatrick or Greg Kraft (831) 620-6766



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2 Red Tail Trace, Carmel
Santa Lucia Preserve

Spanish style Hacienda

Just completed, a two story Spanish style Hacienda with spectacular views of the forested San Jose Canyon that follows Rancho San Carlos Road. This elegant and well appointed home has approximately 3,420 square feet of livable area, 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths, office, and a 2 car garage. Enjoy the sunshine and wonderful outdoor living opportunities for entertaining. Ideally located only 7 miles from the Gatehouse and only 1 mile west of the Hacienda, workout center and equestrian center. Designed by the architectural firm of Hart-Howerton.

Offered at \$3,775,000

7 Rumsen Trace, Carmel
Santa Lucia Preserve

Redefine "Living Room"

Nestled among beautiful oaks lies this inviting ranch-style home of approximately 6,200 sq. ft. on 3.5 acres within the Santa Lucia Preserve. Quality details and artistic design are everywhere in this spectacular five bedroom home with car collector garage. Step outside and you will find yourself in a mountain oasis, complete with an old-fashion "swimmin' hole" adjacent to a modern barbecue pavilion ready for some unforgettable outdoor entertaining. Located only a few minutes walk from the Hacienda and sports center.

Offered at \$5,495,000

For information: Greg Kraft or Janet Fitzpatrick 831.620.6766

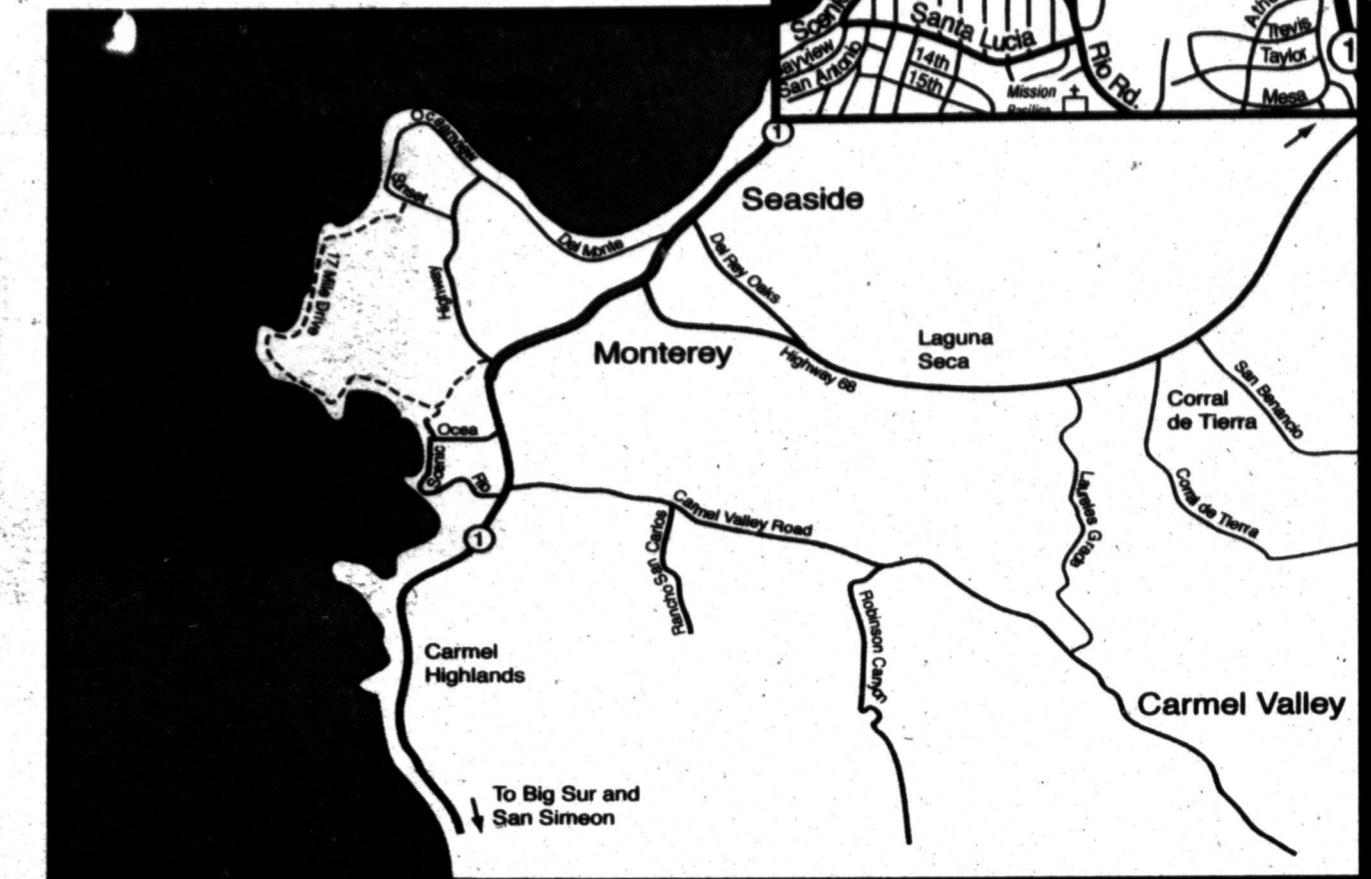
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CARMEL

\$925,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4	
26553 Aspen Place	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-0136	
\$975,000 2bd 1.5ba	Sa 2:30-4:30	
Forest 3 SW of 7th Ave.	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2226	
\$981,900 1bd 1ba	Su 2-4	
24671 Dolores Street	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-6482	
\$995,000 3bd 3ba	Sa 1-3	
81 High Meadow Ln.	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$1,085,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4	
Carpenter 5 NE of 4th Ave.	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2223	
\$1,125,000 2bd 1ba	Sa 3-5	
Junipero 2 NE of 8th Ave.	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$1,145,000 2bd 1ba	Su 2-4	
24691 Guadalupe St.	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$1,150,000 4bd 3ba	Sa 1-3	
3284 Sycamore Place	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-6482	
\$1,298,000 2bd 1ba	Su 2-4	
24793 Santa Rita	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,299,000 2bd 2ba	Sa Su 2-4	
SE Corner 10th & Junipero	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,349,000 3bd 2ba	Su 2-4	
Forest & 7th Ave. SW Corner	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$1,349,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 11-1	
Forest & 7th SW Corner	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,375,000 2bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3	
Junipero & 4th SWC, Unit D	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,395,000 2bd 2ba	Su 2-4	
9th & NE Torres	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-0136	
\$1,395,000 3bd 2ba	Su 2-4	
Lobos 3 NW of 1st	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2223	
\$1,395,000 2bd 2ba	Su 1-4	
Mountain View 3 NW of 8th Ave.	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-0136	
\$1,425,000 2bd 2ba	Su 2-4	
24784 Guadalupe St.	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,445,000 2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3	
SE Corner Torres & 10th Avenue	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-0136	
\$1,450,000 2bd 2ba	Sa 12-2	Su 11-1
Santa Rita 2SE of 3rd	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,458,800 3bd 1.5ba	Sa Su 2-5	
24588 Camino Del Monte	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker / Gene Jiang	(650) 703-4363	
\$1,495,000 2bd 2ba	Su 2-4	
26208 Atherton	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-6482	
\$1,495,000 2bd 2ba	Su 1-4	
SE Corner Lincoln & 1st	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,499,000 3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3	
Torres 2 SE of 8th Ave.	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,539,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4	
26015 Atherton Drive	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,565,000 1bd 1ba	Sa 12-2	Su 1-1
Casanova 3NE of 9th	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,595,000 2bd 1ba	Sa Su 1-4	
2672 14th Avenue	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,649,000 2bd 2ba	Sa 2-5	
Torres 10 SW of 10th Avenue	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,695,000 2bd 2ba + studio	Su 2-4	
Lobos & 1st SW Corner	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,699,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 1-4	Su 2-5
San Carlos 2SW of 13th	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,729,000 2bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-4	
25254 Hutton	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,749,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 1-4	
San Carlos 3 SW of 12th Ave.	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$1,749,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 1-4	
San Carlos 3 SW of 12th Ave.	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$1,784,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4	
Guadalupe 3 SE of 7th	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-0136	
\$1,799,000 3bd 2ba	Su 12-2	
Torres 5 SW of 8th	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,895,000 2bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4	Su 12-4
3 SW Junipero btwn 11th & 12th	Carmel	
John Saar Properties	625-0500	
\$1,950,000 2bd 2ba	Sa 2-4	
San Carlos 8 SE 13th	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-6482	
\$1,975,000 2bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-4	
SW Corner Junipero & 5th	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,980,000 3bd 2ba	Su 2-4	
San Carlos 3 NE of 2nd	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,995,000 4bd 3ba	Su 1-3	
27575 Via Sereno	Carmel	
A.G. Davi	601-3284	
\$1,995,000 3bd 2ba	Su 1-4	
Dolores 2 NW of 9th	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,995,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 1-4	
Lincoln 3NE of 9th	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-6482	
\$1,998,000 2bd 2ba	Sa 10-1 & 1-4	
SE Corner Torres & 6th	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,998,000 2bd 2ba	Su 12-3	
SE Corner Torres & 6th	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,999,000 3bd 2ba	Su 1-3	
Crespi 4 SW of Mt. View	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$2,095,000 2bd 2ba	Sa 2-5	
Lincoln 3SE of 10th	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$2,100,000 3bd 2ba	Su 2-4	
Dolores 3 NE of 11th Ave.	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$2,100,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4	
Dolores 3 of NE 11th Ave.	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$2,125,000 3bd 2ba	Su 2-4	
Monte Verde 4 SW 4th	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-6482	

OPEN HOUSES
APRIL 29-30

PACIFIC GROVE

\$699,000 2bd 1ba	Sa 1:30-4
1113 Presidio	Pacific Grove
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040
\$765,000 2bd 1ba	Su 1-3
515 10th Street	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222
\$769,000 1bd 1ba	Sa 1-4
308 17th Street	Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE	646-2120
\$779,000 3bd 2ba	Su 2-4
1221 Miles Ave	Pacific Grove
The Jones Group	655-5050
\$799,000 2bd 1ba	Sa 11:30-1:30
651 Spruce Ave	Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE	646-2120
\$819,000 3bd 2ba	Su 1-3
540 Spruce Ave.	Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE	646-2120
\$899,000 3bd 1ba	Su 2:30-4:30
1317 Lawton Ave.	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2226
\$899,000 3bd 1ba	Sa 12-2
1317 Lawton Ave.	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2226
\$925,000 2bd 1.5ba	Su 1-3
618 Congress Ave	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2226
\$929,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 11:30-1:30
1204 Miles Avenue	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222
\$950,000 2bd 1ba	Su 2-5
603 Junipero Ave	Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE	646-2120
\$965,000 4bd 2.5ba	Su 1:30-4
748 Sunset	Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE	646-2120
\$975,000 3bd 1.5ba	Sa 1-3
400 Grove Acre Avenue	Pacific Grove
A.G. Davi	601-3284
\$1,099,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
663 Laurel Ave	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222
\$1,099,000 3bd 2ba	Su 1-3
663 Laurel Ave	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222
\$1,199,000 3bd 3ba	Sa 2-4
871 Spruce Ave	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222
\$1,288,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 2:30-4:30
627 Spazier Ave.	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2226
\$1,288,000 3bd 2ba	Su 2-4
627 Spazier Ave.	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2226
\$1,295,000 3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
1116 Austin Ave	Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE	646-2120
\$1,295,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 2:30-4:30
1141 Balboa Avenue	Pacific Grove
J.R. Rouse Real Estate	645-9696, ext 102
\$1,295,000 3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-4
154 11th Street	Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE	646-2120
\$1,325,000 2bd 3ba +den	Sa 12-2
138 18th Street	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2226
\$1,329,300 2bd 2ba	Su 1-3:30
255 Crocker Avenue	Pacific Grove
J.R. Rouse Real Estate	277-3464
\$1,349,000 3bd 2ba	Su 1-3:30
429 Grove Acre	Pacific Grove
J.R. Rouse Real Estate	645-9696, ext 102
\$1,495,000 3bd 3.5ba Triplex	Sa 11:2-30
137 4th Street	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221
\$1,495,000 3bd 3.5ba	Su 11-2
137 4th Street	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221
\$1,519,000 3bd 2.5ba	SaSu 2-4
391 Pine Avenue	Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE	646-2120
\$1,650,000 4bd 3ba	Sa 2-4
870 Bayview Ave	Pacific Grove
The Jones Group	655-5050
\$1,809,000 3bd 3ba	Su 12-2
494 Grove Acre Ave.	Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222

PEBBLE BEACH

\$895,000 2bd 2ba	Su 2:4-30
7 Ocean Pines Lane #7	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222

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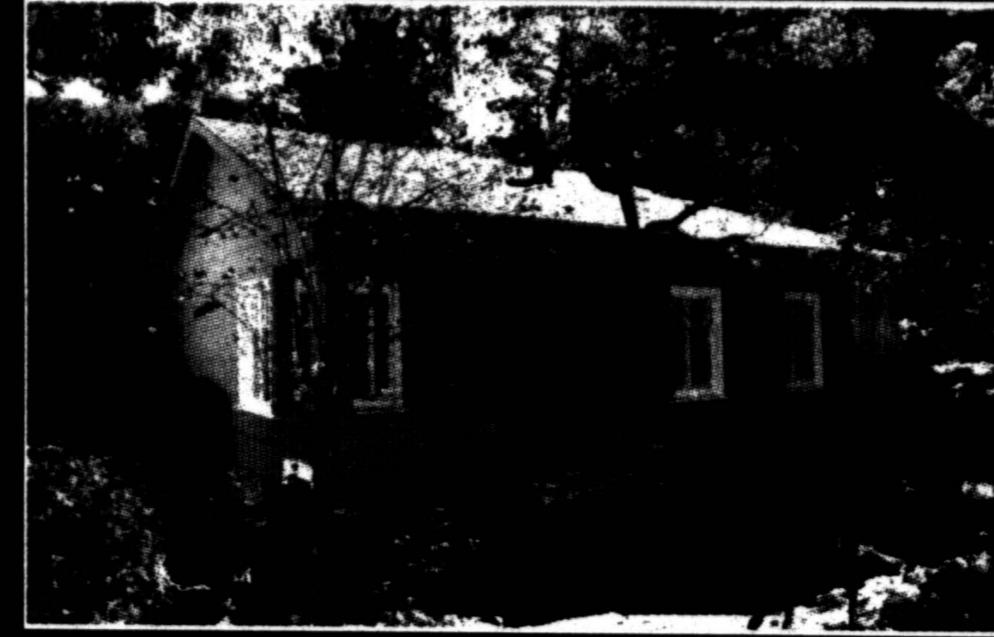
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CARMEL

MJ Murphy classic craftsman originally part of an historical 1900's mansion this cozy bungalow has been lovingly maintained and updated by the same family for the past 35 years. The 2240 sq. ft. home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces and huge family room. The rear garden is a bird's paradise with deck, patio and meandering stone paths.

Offered at \$1,450,000



CARMEL

This Carmel cottage currently stands on a private lot with 1bd/1ba in a great location. Plans have been submitted for a 3bd/3ba, 1800 sq. ft. home that will be included with the sale. A fantastic opportunity in the "Golden Rectangle".

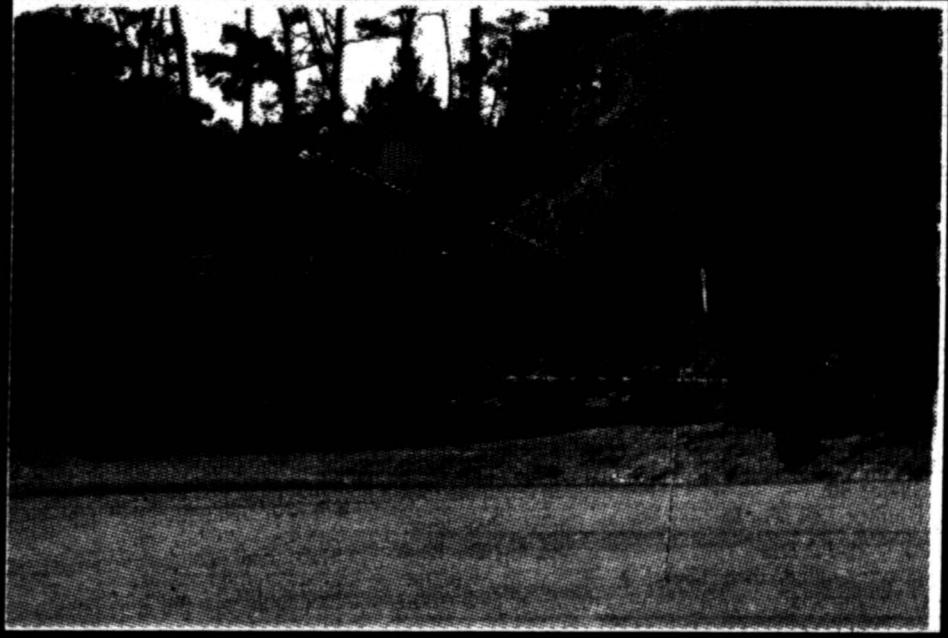
Offered at \$1,565,000



CARMEL

This is a rare opportunity to own a large home on a large lot in a private area close to town. A meticulous Lehman remodel, this 3,400 sq. ft. home rests on a 9,750 sq. ft. lot and boasts open beam ceilings, chef's kitchen with pantry, and only the finest materials were used to create this spectacular residence.

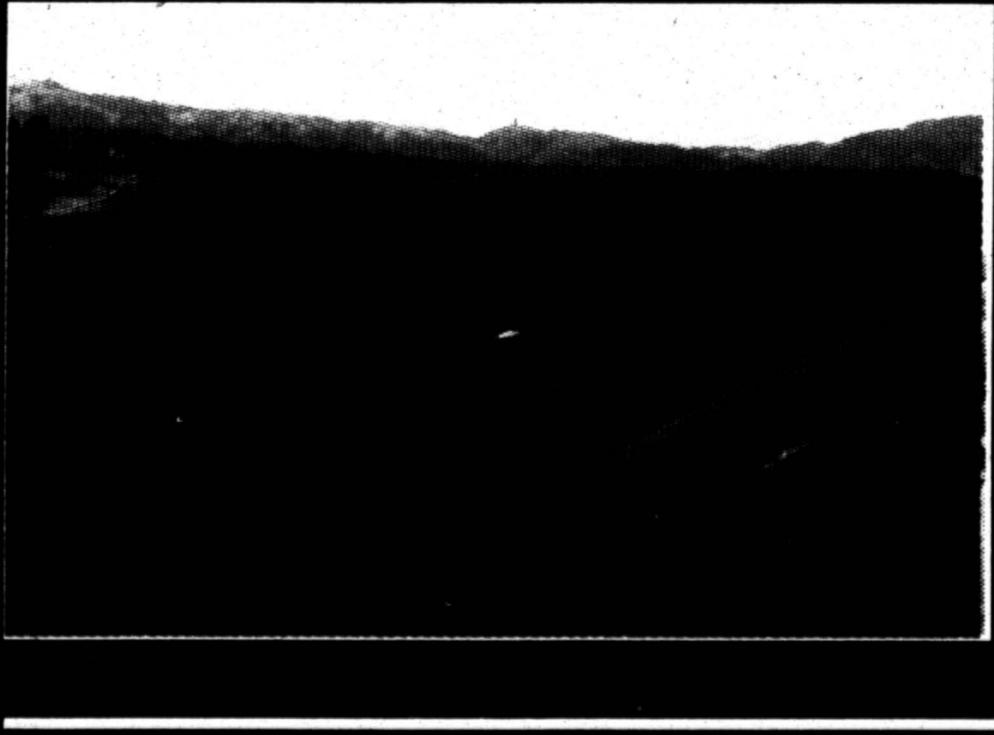
Offered at \$2,450,000



PEBBLE BEACH

Poised picture perfectly in front of the 17th green of the Shore course, with far reaching views across the 4th fairway beyond, this completely renovated and exquisitely designed home captures a panorama of green and fairway views. Offering 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths and 2850 SF of living space.

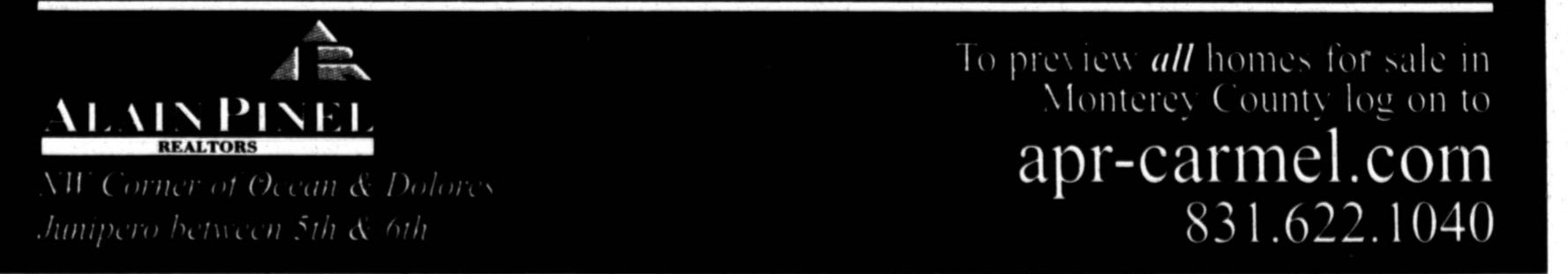
Offered at \$3,295,000



MONTEREY-SALINAS HWY

Superb views in Hidden Hills - this large level building site is ready for construction of your dream home in the sun. Your solitude awaits at this exquisite property only minutes from town. Concept drawings are available.

Offered at \$580,000



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NW Corner of Ocean & Dolores
Junipero between 5th & 6th

OPEN HOUSES

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PEBBLE BEACH

\$1,195,000	3bd 2ba	Su 2-4
4077 Crest Road		Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120
\$1,495,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 12-2
3080 Larkin		Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$1,495,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4
2802 Congress Road		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
\$1,695,000	5bd 4ba	Sa 11-1
2984 Colton		Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$1,699,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 2-4
3041 Strawberry Hill		Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$1,750,000	4bd ba	Su 11:30-1:30
4020 Ronda Road		Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120
\$1,770,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-4
4147 Sunset Lane		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
\$1,770,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4
4147 Sunset Lane		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
\$1,895,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
956 Sand Dunes		Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120
\$2,150,000	4bd 3ba	Su 3-5
3089 Hacienda Dr		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
\$2,175,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-4
3121 Hacienda		Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120
\$2,250,000	4bd 3ba	Su 1-3
1043 Sombreiro Road		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
\$2,250,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 2-4
1043 Sombreiro Road		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
\$2,295,000	3bd 3ba	Su 11:30-1:30
1267 Cantera Ct		Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120
\$2,399,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4 Su 11:30
3138 Hermitage		Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120
\$2,495,000	3bd 2.5ba	SaSu 1-3
3079 Sloat		Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120
\$2,595,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 1-4 Su 1:30-4
1047 Rodeo		Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120
\$2,995,000	4bd 3ba	Su 1-4
1041 San Carlos		Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$2,995,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-4 Su 2-5
2873 Sloat		Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$3,295,000	4bd 3.5ba	Su 2-4
1060 Rodeo		Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$3,800,000	4bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
1452 Padre Lane		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
\$4,350,000	5bd 4ba	Sa 1-4
3140 Spruance Rd.		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
\$4,595,000	6bd 7+ba	Sa 1-5 Su 2-5
1548 Viscaino		Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$4,895,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa 11-2
1267 Padre Lane		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
\$4,895,000	3bd 3.5ba	Su 11-3
1267 Padre Lane		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
\$5,495,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 11-3
1688 Crespi Lane		Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
\$7,500,000	4bd 4+ba	Su 1-3
3361 17 Mile Drive		Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120
\$1,995,000	2bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
2971 Quarry Road		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
\$1,995,000	2bd 2.5ba	Su 2-4
2971 Quarry Road		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222

PRUNEDALE

\$735,000	3bd 2ba	Su 2-4
18035 Lillian Lane		Prunedale
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222

SEASIDE

\$729,000	2bd 1ba+bonus room	Sa Su 12-3
2000 Grand View Street		Seaside
owner/broker		638-9316
\$795,000	4bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-4
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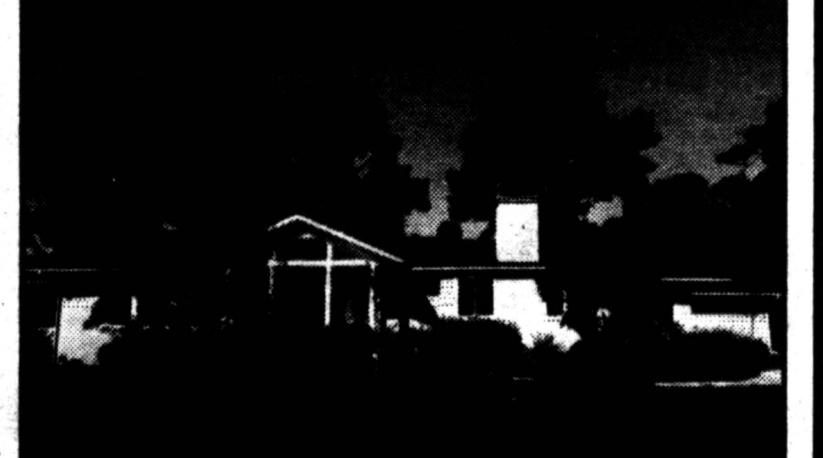
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POLICE LOG

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fighters' arrival on scene. The patient refused treatment and signed a medical release with the ambulance crew.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance and fire engine responded to a medical emergency on Carpenter Street. Engine and ambulance on scene. Crew assisted ambulance with vitals, EKG, patient report information and loading for an elderly female who was suffering from nausea and general weakness. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Carmel Valley: A female Quail Meadows Drive resident

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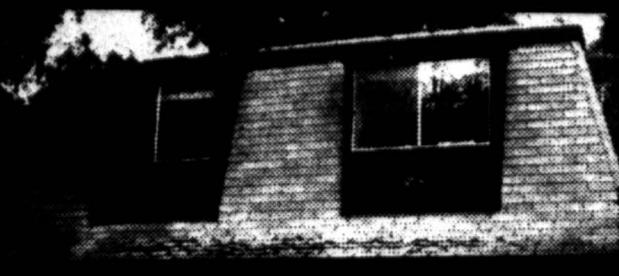
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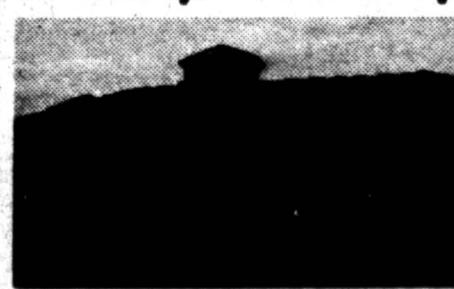
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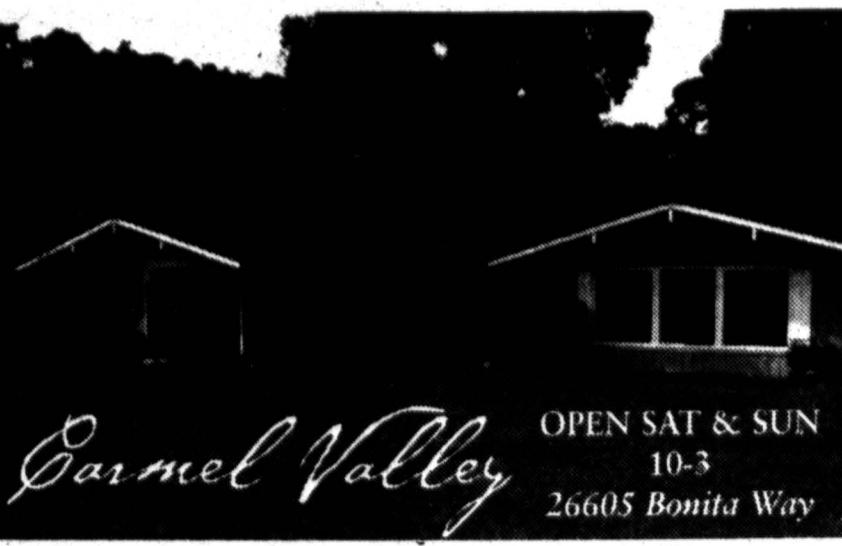
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reported her husband took her kids to Mexico and refused to return them.

Big Sur: A male subject at a state beach reported a friend of his punched him three times in the face after a verbal argument.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male suspect, age 41, was arrested on Highway 1 for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: On this date and time, officer observed a yellow Labrador loose on the sidewalk on Ocean Avenue. The dog owner was located at a business. Information and warning were



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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to the report of an open garage in the area of Eighth and Forest. The reporting party stated that the owner of the residence was away and he thought he saw someone in the garage. The house was secured. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to medical emergency on Lincoln Street. Emergency personnel discovered an elderly female, who was not breathing and not

conscious, lying in her bed. She had obvious signs of death (lividity and rigor) so no rescue attempts were attempted. The coroner was notified and police officers stood by until arrival of the coroner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Dolores Street. Engine and ambulance on scene. Crew assisted ambulance personnel with vitals, oxygen, patient report information and loading for a middle-

aged male who was choking on food prior to firefighters' arrival. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a report of a vehicle into a building at Dolores and Seventh. Contact with Carmel police indicated that the emergency report had been received through the California Highway Patrol, and the actual location of the vehicle accident was at Dolores and Seventh Avenue in the City of Santa Cruz.

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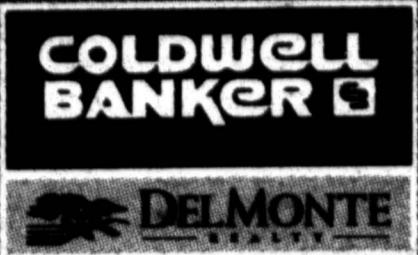
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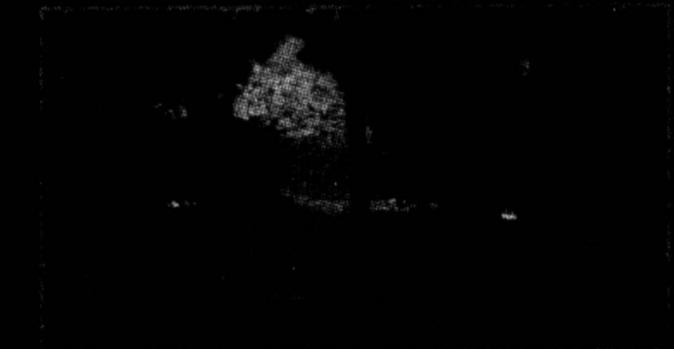
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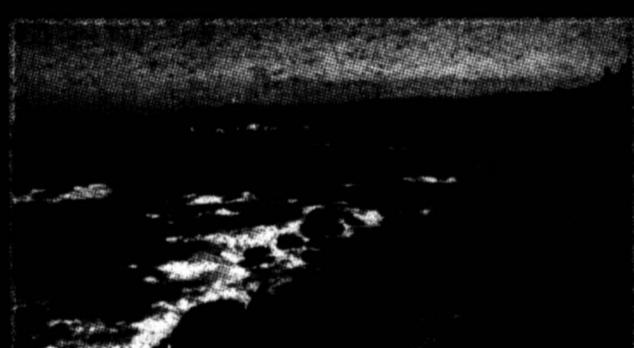
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